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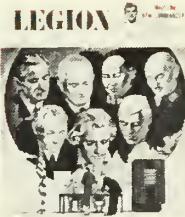


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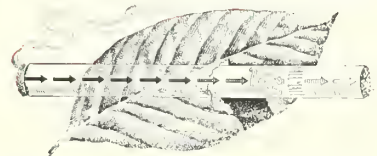
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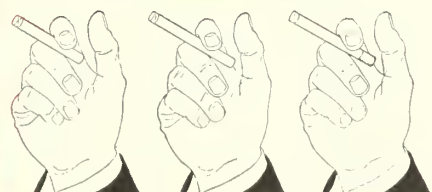
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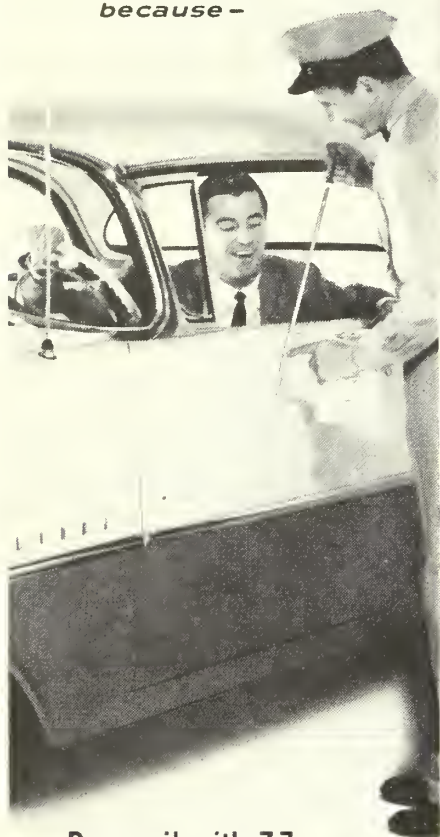
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### DOGGONE SORE

Sir: I thought *The American Legion Magazine* had discontinued fiction. The article by Henry P. Davis was full of inaccuracies and the usual tripe advanced by the kennel people who are trying to make people believe that to get a good dog one must pay a high price and get a pedigreed dog. It is a scientific fact that inbreeding develops weakness not strength. One of the big reasons for the strength of America is that it is a "mongrel" nation. I would suggest that Mr. Davis keep away from my mongrel because he has deeply resented Davis' remark that he has no right to propagate.

Robert J. Laier Jr.  
Cranford, N. J.

Sir: We all can't afford to buy purebred dogs as the author of the article "Want a Dog?" has suggested. Yet he advised people not to buy a mongrel. I have a dog without a "family tree" who is affectionate and a wonderful companion. I wouldn't trade one of his paws for all of Mr. Davis' purebreds. I am sure many others who have slovenly, oversized, clumsy mongrels love their dogs as I do.

Frances Sperber  
San Diego, Calif.

### HE TRIED

Sir: As public relations counsel to Louis E. Wolfson we deeply resent the implication in the September "Editor's Corner" that Mr. Wolfson was not part of the war effort through choice. Mr. Wolfson volunteered in 1942 for the Navy. An old football injury, plus a kidney ailment, caused his rejection. He later tried to enlist in the Naval Reserve and was turned down again, for the same reasons. As for your comments on Capital Transit—while it is true that fares in Washington were raised, they did not go up nearly so high percentagewise as did wages and overhead costs.

Jane Franklin  
Administrative Vice President  
Allied Public Relations  
New York City

### 475 MISSING

Sir: In the few short years since the ending of hostilities in Korea everyone seems to have forgotten our comrades who are being held by the communists in communist prisons. Our country is so gullible they turned over all the prisoners held by the United States and its allies, not holding back any important prisoners for barter purposes. In Washington they have a list of 475 names of American men who are being held illegally by the communists, and our officials are doing nothing about it.

If one of our boys tried to evade the draft our country would spend thousands to find him, but after they are in the service there is a different attitude. If they are captured by the enemy and are missing for one year, our country declares them legally dead and forgets them. I have not seen anything in any of the service organizations' publications asking that our country try and get these men returned. Are Americans ever going to wake up and start the ball rolling in Washington to get our men home again?

My wife went to China last year to hunt our son, 1st Lt. J. P. Shaddick, 3rd, who was shot down January 29, 1953, 50 miles north of our lines. Three men of this crew were returned in the Big Switch and we know one died, leaving ten others unaccounted for. A communist newspaperman came to her hotel and told her they had our son, that he was alive and in good health, but his return must be negotiated for. We must have some publicity in asking all service organizations to get together at once and insist that Washington do something about getting these men being held prisoners released and we must do it now.

R. H. Shaddick  
Coral Gables, Fla.

### ON RED CHINA

Sir: I think your photographic article "Life in Red China" in the August issue is just a little far-fetched and presumptuous. Evidently there are free-loving and thinking people in Red China, else the People's Court would be out of business. Any contemplated change of government meets with the disapproval of the ruling party. How many millions of early Christians died of deaths and tortures that even Red China can't compete with!

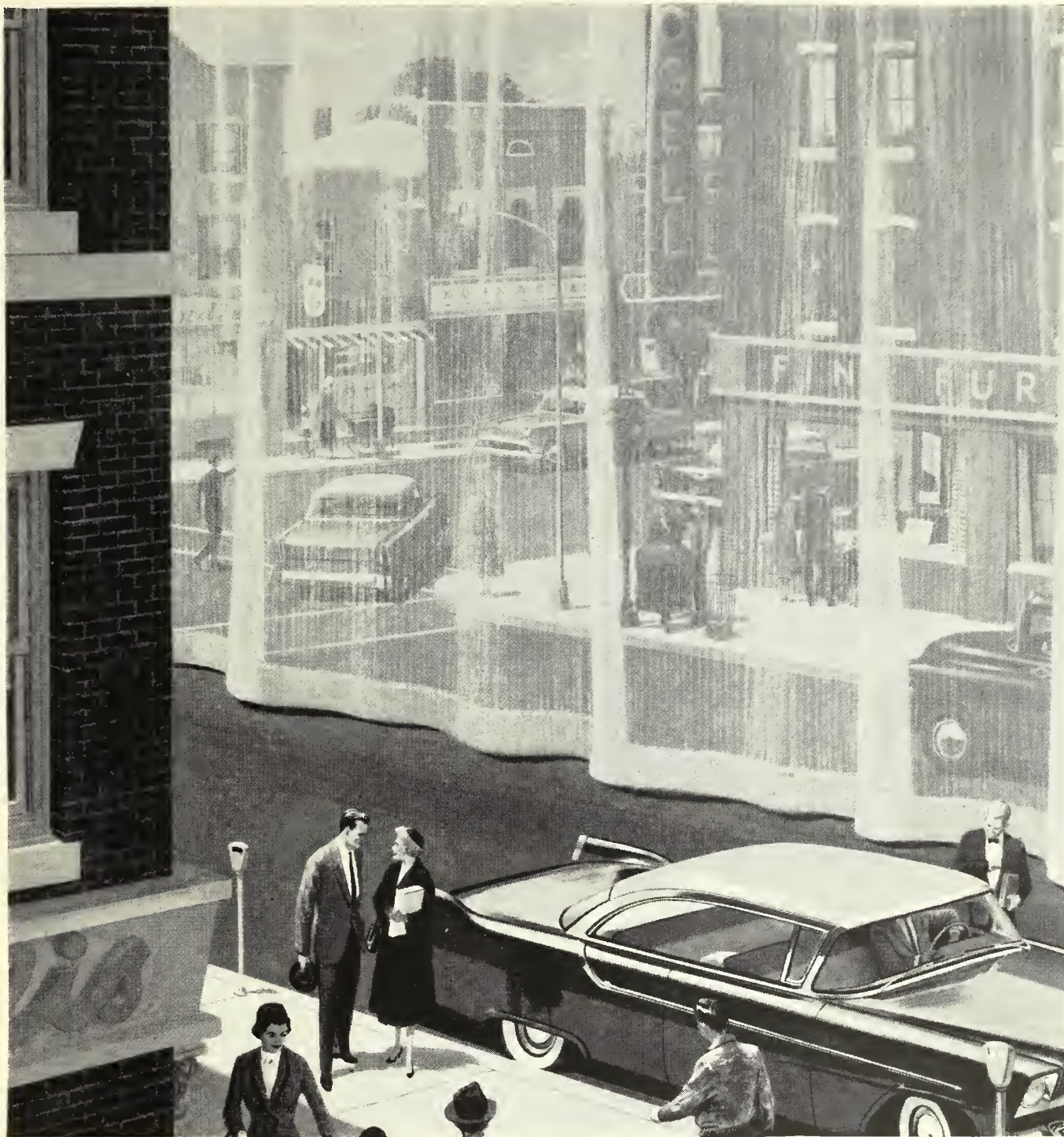
Mel Anglin  
Decatur, Ill.

### MEXICO BOUND?

Sir: As a Legionnaire I am much concerned with an advertisement appearing in various magazines requesting readers to send \$2.00 to a man in Mexico who is supposed to tell you how you can retire on \$90 a month. As a resident of Mexico for the past

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## How much does this “tax curtain” cost you?

A strange kind of tax favoritism separates a few million families and businesses from most Americans when it comes to paying taxes on electricity.

The people in this “privileged class” pay little or no taxes in their electric bills, while everybody else does (about 23 cents out of each dollar spent for electricity). Because the few don’t pay their fair share of taxes, you and other taxpayers are taxed *more* every year to make up the difference — many millions of dollars more.

There’s nothing different or special about the people in the “privileged class.” They just happen to get electricity from government power plants, and government in the electric business pays little or no taxes. That puts these people on the other side of the “tax curtain.”

This kind of tax favoritism is unfair — and unusual in America. That’s why we believe it should be made widely known and given critical study. *America’s Independent Electric Light and Power Companies\**.

\*Names on request from this magazine

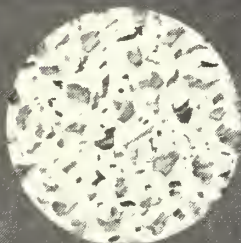


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## 5TH AVE W. 56 ST. EDITOR'S CORNER

### SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

**N**OT LONG ago Red Tito turned up in Moscow where he was greeted like a long lost brother. In the course of the prolonged heiling and swilling customary among Kremlinites, Tito declared: "In peace as in war, Yugoslavia must march shoulder to shoulder with the Soviet people toward the same goal, the goal of the victory of socialism."

This is the same Tito who has received close to a billion dollars from the United States in military and economic aid. So far we've seen no rational explanation as to why we must continue to pay tribute to this communist leader, but we seem to be committed to the idea that it is possible to buy friends and keep peace by giving American billions to friend, foe, and neutralist alike.

Having established the policy that the United States is amenable to this sort of international blackmail, our foreign policy "experts" may soon call upon us to add Soviet Russia and Soviet China to the long list of beneficiaries of American military and economic aid. Why not? They are just as deserving as Tito.

### "VERY HELPFUL!"

**A**NOTHER beneficiary of American resources abroad is that dour potentate from the Ganges, Jawaharlal Nehru. Like Tito, Nehru too has been able to cadge a billion dollars' worth of free goods out of the United States.

For years the Indian dictator has maintained a most dignified silence regarding American aid, presumably on the theory that only a boor, a cad and a bounder expresses gratitude for favors received. However, a short time ago Nehru broke down. He went so far as to say that our latest contribution to India would be "very helpful."

Since the latest deal involved a food loan agreement amounting to \$361,000,000, this puts the value of those two little words at \$180,500,000 apiece. Still, maybe it's worth a third of a billion dollars to have Nehru tolerate us. Who knows but that some day he'll even praise us as he does those wonderful Russians? Now there are real people for you! In the same speech in which he used the phrase "very helpful," Nehru glowingly told of all the machinery and other goods he was getting from Khrushchev, Bulganin & Co. However, they do business differently. They don't even give away samples.



The stuff Nehru gets from the Russkys costs rupees, lots of rupees, and he has to lay it right on the barrelhead.

### ECHO OF ALGER

**S**ENATOR Ralph E. Flanders has made the headlines again, this time with the idea that we ought to give away the Panama Canal. By internationalizing our canal, the aged Senator opines, we will set a good example to General Gamal Abdel Nasser, who will thereupon stop being a bad boy and allow the Suez Canal to be internationalized.

It could be that the Senator cooked up this batch of mental tutti-frutti all by himself, but it isn't exactly original. Some years back, when Alger Hiss was a big wheel in our State Department, he came up with the same brilliant suggestion of handing the Panama Canal over to the world at large.

### AMERICANISM

**A** COUPLE of months ago we commended Dickinson College for its forthright declaration that it would not tolerate communists or communist sympathizers on its faculty. Now we'd like to extend congratulations to Dr. T. James Ahern, superintendent of the Mamaroneck, N. Y., School System. Addressing a teachers meeting in preparation for the opening of the school year, Dr. Ahern made a talk which could well serve as a model for every teachers gathering:

"The first task of every teacher in this school system," said Dr. Ahern, "is to develop and nurture in his pupils an intelligent and passionate devotion to our American way of life. Each one must intelligently strive to transmit a genuine appreciation of our greatest spiritual heritage of democracy and freedom. Every boy and girl in this community is entitled to the best educational practice that is known to our profession.

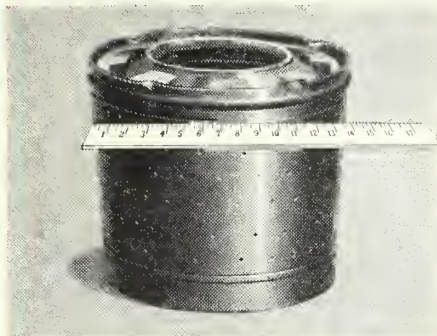
"We have in our country some people who work for the moral, spiritual, physical downfall of our nation. We in Mamaroneck are proud that no single member of our staff can be influenced to think, or influence others to think, that our democratic way of living should be sacrificed for some other brand. We have no place in our school system for anyone who openly or secretly advocates the overthrow of our government. We are intensely strong in our advocacy of our American freedom, and we are blessed with a staff of teachers and other workers who sincerely believe that our way of life is best for all of us. . . ."

### REMINDER

**L**AST MONTH in "Briefly About Books" we mentioned, but too briefly, *The Enemy at His Back*, by Elizabeth Churchill Brown. Many books have been written about communism, but few have succeeded so well in telling how the reds get their dirty work done. If you have ever wondered about this mysterious efficiency of the commies, we urge you to study this excellent book.

## BIG-HEARTED HEATER!

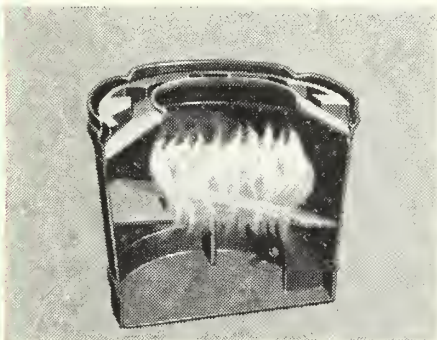
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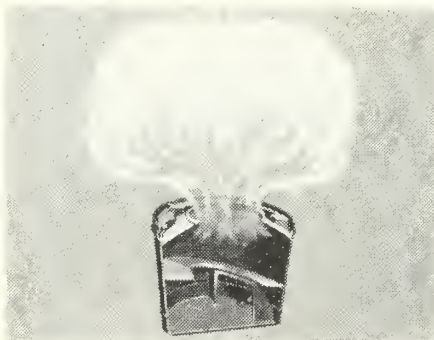
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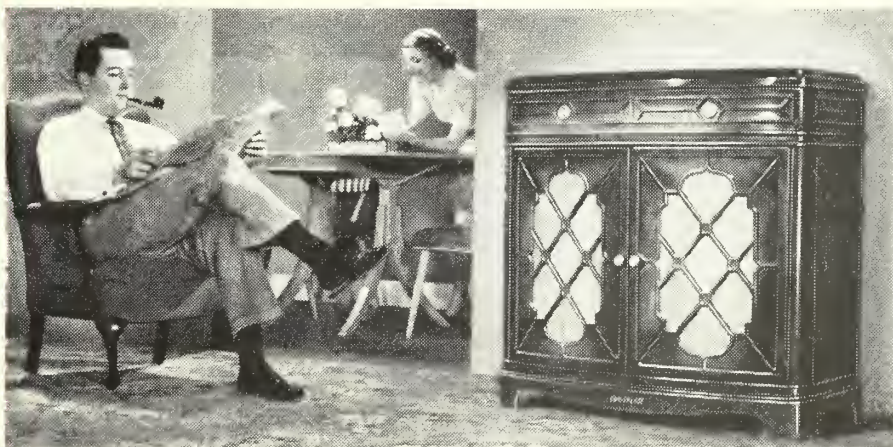
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Like most everybody, you probably will be adding to your short-term debt pretty soon to carry you through the winter season. That means your charge account and installment purchases are almost sure to bulge.

Don't worry about being trusted. You will be—within reason. Half the department store business in the U. S. is done on the cuff, yet losses are only about a third of 1 percent.

But remember this: A good credit rating is one of the most valuable assets you can have. Like your military record, it stays with you to the end. Keep it clean. For some day it could be your savior.

Credit experts size you up on three counts: character, capacity, and capital (the 3 C's of credit). These are determined by a check on your residence, place and length of employment, banking connections, and prior credit record. The lower your income, the deeper the check.

Once you get credit, your record depends pretty much on how promptly you settle up. Moreover, this record is available to other stores and lending institutions—not only in your own city, but nationwide.

On short-term credit (charge accounts and smaller installment buys) stores don't make too much of an issue over how much you run up. They want your loyalty; some even preach that such buying is merely saving in reverse—you get the goods first and save for them later. In a sense, that's true as long as you don't buy more than you conveniently could put aside after paying for food, shelter, and clothing. In any event, the immediate penalty for overbuying may be small, but the blemish on your record could be big: So:

1. Buy on the credit plan that best suits your needs. Talk it over with the store if in doubt.
2. Buy on the shortest possible terms. This is much cheaper in the end.
3. Stay well within your limits.

If, however, you do run into tough luck on payments, there is one—and only one—thing to do: Get in touch with your creditor immediately and explain your situation frankly. He won't hold it against you; his first impulse is to get things straightened out as best possible.

Incidentally, credit people are no respecters of personality—you can be a Rockefeller, but if you've never bought anything on credit before, you have to start your record from scratch the same as if you were John Doe.

Your next refrigerator will have something new—doors than can be opened from the inside.

After 115 kids suffocated by locking themselves in old boxes over the past 10 years, a Federal law has been put on the books making two-way doors mandatory.

Although refrigerator people have a grace period to comply, General Electric already has taken the latches off its entire line and replaced them with magnets. Other manufacturers have other solutions. One is an inside latch-opener with a fluorescent button to make it visible in the dark. Meantime, don't throw out that old box without deactivating it.

With nuclear test-blasts banging away on all sides of the world, how much more radiation can we stand? The pat answer is: Quite a bit, but the danger is growing steadily.

It isn't the bombs that add so much to the radiation level as more common devices, such as X-ray machines. Pretty soon atomic power plants will boost the hazard, too. In all, radiation looms like a real menace.

The big fear, of course, is that radiation will affect us in such a way that our children will be changed, even defective. You'll be hearing and reading a lot on this topic in the months and years ahead.

Some railroads have decided that Pullman service just isn't worth the cost; they actually are trying to shoo the customers away.

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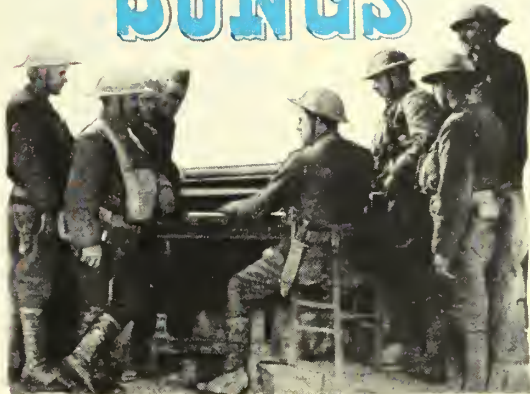
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**I**N WORLD WAR I the doughboys sang as they slogged through Flanders' fields and as they marched home. Shown here are some of the songs that were constantly on the lips of soldiers and civilians in 1917-18. You'll be hearing these classics as the Nation marks Veterans Day, November 11, and on pages 16-17 you'll see some of the songs being woven into one commemorative program.

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# Meet the NEW

PHOTOS BY DONATO LEO



This rambling building is the home of Post 97 where the Commander got his start in the Legion.

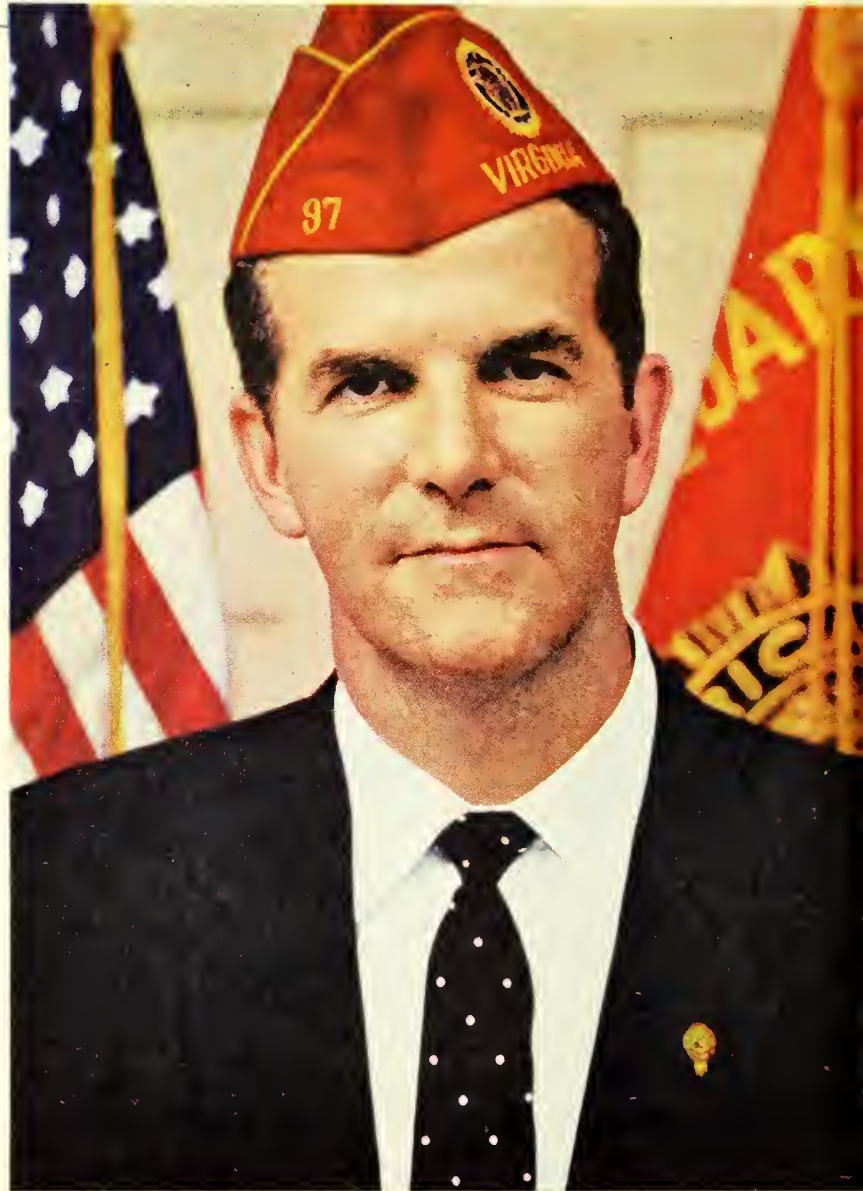


↑ With his wife Ruby, his father, at left, and his brother Reuben, Dan enjoys a family card game.

Dan reports on personnel problems to officials of Dan River Mills. From left to right are J. Otis Petty, manager, yarn sales division; Dan Daniel; Roy M. Stephens, vice president and general superintendent; A. B. Emmert, vice president and a director; John W. Vanderwerff, comptroller; C. Eugene Rowe, secretary and treasurer; Walter D. Vincent, division superintendent; John D. MacLauchlan, assistant to executive vice president.



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DAN DANIEL

NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

A proud parent, Dan studies photos of his son Jimmie.



Fishing is a major hobby, second only to golfing.





# COMMANDER

In Dan Daniel's background you'll find  
all the elements of the American success story.

By JOSEPH C. KEELEY

**W**HEN W. C. "DAN" DANIEL was running for National Commander, one of his campaign pamphlets described him as "A man determined to serve." There is no question of our new National Commander's determination. That is evident at a glance. As for serving, that is evident from the record.

Still, it would have been more accurate if the slogan had read: "A man conditioned to serve," for the story of Dan Daniel is that of a man who has learned through adversity the meaning of compassion and the importance of helping others. At the same time his

story is reminiscent of an earlier period in American history when poor boys left the log cabins in which they were born, to play a bigger role in the making of America.

Even though Dan Daniel is only 42 years old, having been born May 12, 1914, his birthplace was indeed a log cabin, at Chatham, Pittsylvania County, Virginia. If from this you get the impression that his family was not well-to-do, you are quite correct. Reuben E. Daniel, his father, was a tenant farmer and not many tenant farmers become rich in the clay fields of Mecklenburg County where he grew up—espe-

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Danville's famous wreck is noted in song, remembered in the local Post number.

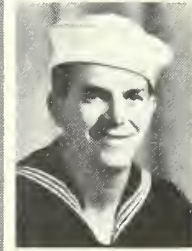


The new National Commander learned the textile business from the ground up. One of his first jobs was at the dye vats in the mammoth mills.

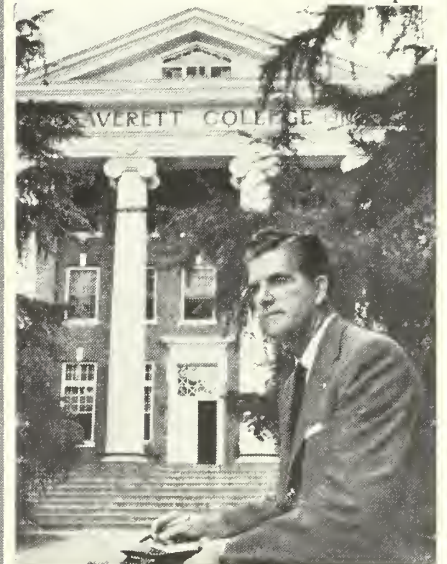
A family gathering at Dan's home. At extreme left is brother J. Reuben Daniel. Seated next to him is sister Mrs. Irene Sullivan. Next are Mrs. Dan Daniel, brother William E. Daniel, and Dan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben E. Daniel.



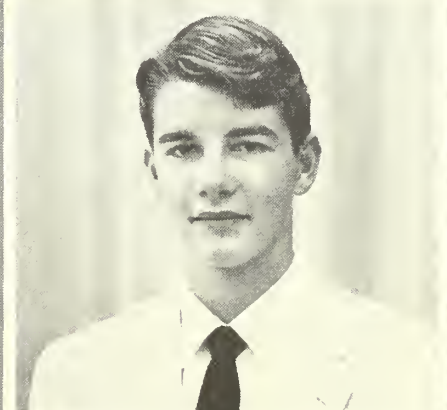
In this log cabin at Chatham, Va., Dan Daniel was born May 12, 1914.



Dan as a gob, at Great Lakes Training Center. At right, Dan demonstrates the knuckleball he threw as a semipro.



Averett College in Danville, where Dan has continued his education.



Jimmie Foxx Daniel wants to be a forester, spent the summer in the Northwest getting some training.



# THE MEN and

Remember that your vote counts

By **WILLIAM P. HELM**

## *Dwight D. Eisenhower*

**D**WIGHT D. EISENHOWER, 34th President, is the only man on record to turn down a Democratic offer of nomination as President and later to win the office as a Republican. Truman made the offer.

Eisenhower was a farmer's boy, one of six, when he decided to quit slopping hogs and cutting hay to take up military life. This decision was reached at his home near Abilene, Kans., when he was 20. For a time it was a tossup whether the Army or Navy would get him. He studied with his eye on both for examinations that could land him at either West Point or Annapolis. Finding that he was a bit too old when the Annapolis appointment was ready, he was appointed in 1911 to the Military Academy by Senator Bristow of Kansas. He was then 21.

After graduation in 1915 he was assigned as second lieutenant to the 19th Infantry at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. There he promptly fell in love with Mamie Geneva Doud whom he married in 1916.

His rise in rank to General of the Army in 1944 was studded with responsibilities for the fate of American arms. As Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force he planned the Normandy landing and prosecuted the war against the Nazi forces to a successful conclusion. Then he was appointed Military Governor of the American Zone in Germany.

Along the rise, he was at one time (1935-40) Assistant to General Douglas MacArthur in the Philippines. In 1942 he was in command of American Forces landing in Africa. In 1945 he succeeded General George C. Marshall as Chief of Staff.

A brief return to civilian life was made in 1948 when he became president of Columbia University. On leave from that post, in which he continued nominally until January 19, 1953,

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**R**EPUBLICANS ARE PLEDGED to carry on present policies and to effect related programs promised in 1952 and denied by Congress.

The party platform promises adequate outlays for defense and foreign aid, more liberal spendings for social welfare. It calls for a balanced budget; thereafter, if the state of the Treasury permits, for a tax cut not stated in detail. Taft-Hartley Law would be "revised," not repealed. No higher price supports are offered farmers, but substantial outlays are provided for programs now in operation. Small business would be given additional encouragement and aid. The record of the Eisenhower Administration is praised again and again.

Below are summarized chief platform planks.

**VETERANS**—Rejection of the Bradley report is implied; there is no mention of it. Credit is claimed for higher compensation to veterans and survivors, improved hospital service. Promised are:

Continuance of Veterans' Administration as an independent office.

Fair and generous compensation for all disabled war veterans, their dependents and survivors; a pension program for disabled veterans in need, their dependents and survivors as long as necessary.

First priority medical services "of the highest standards" for service-disabled veterans; for non-service-disabled in need, hospital care "to the extent that beds are available."

Opportunity for readjustment following service "including unemployment compensation where needed" with emphasis on obtaining employment for the disabled by "facilities of Government."

Assurance that Federal employment preference and reemployment rights will be maintained.

**FOREIGN POLICY**—"Vigorous" support of United Nations and collective security, assistance to free underdeveloped nations are pledged. Also "impartial friendship for Arab Nations and Israel, with support "against armed aggression" of the latter's independence.

Opposition to seating Red China in United Nations is promised.

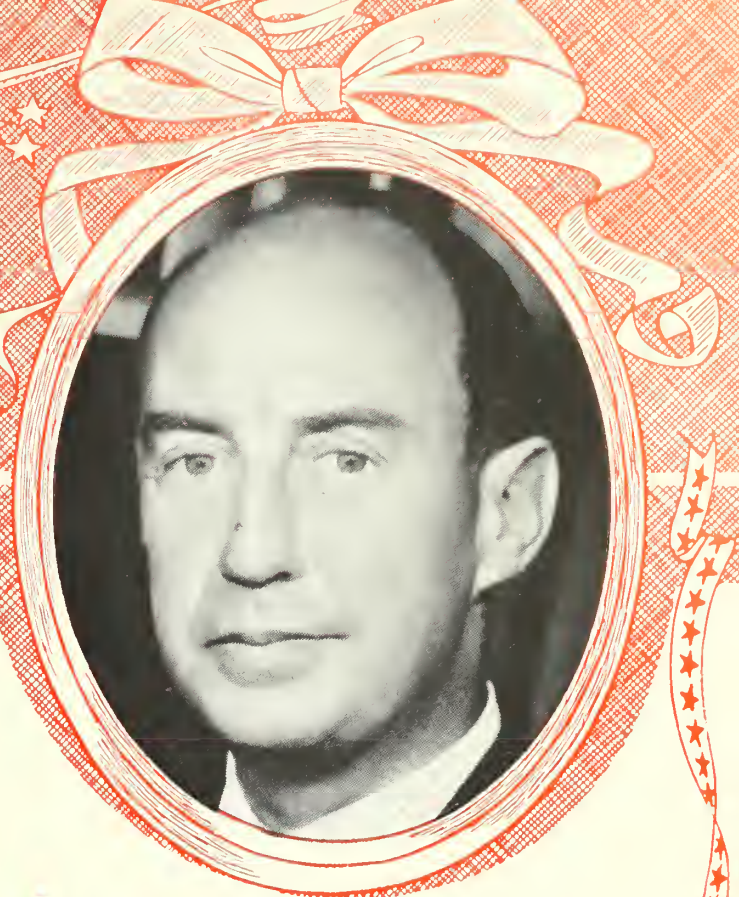
A pledge to seek reunification of Germany and liberation of Soviet satellite countries is given. So is a promise to "see to it that no treaty or agreement deprives American citizens of their constitutional rights."

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# THE ISSUES

more when it is cast intelligently.



*Adlai E. Stevenson*

**O**NE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVEN separate promises are written in the Democratic Party platform for 1956.

Pledges range over every major phase of America's foreign policies and domestic enterprise. They extend from repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law and support for a minimum wage of \$1.25 an hour to easier credit for small business, from better living quarters for the Armed Forces to succor for all friendly nations, from low interest on borrowings to high price supports for farm products, from continued foreign aid to an "unequivocal" tax cut, from fish-and-game conservation to getting fresh water from salt water.

Highlights of chief planks are summarized below.

**VETERANS**—There is no mention of the report of General Omar Bradley's Commission which apparently doesn't figure in the planning. There are, however, seven specific promises, spelled out thus:

Continuance of Veterans' Administration as an independent office.

"Adequate compensation for the service-connected disabled;" pensions for their survivors; pensions for disabled and distressed veterans "who are in need or unable to provide for themselves."

Maintenance of VA hospitals with no impairment of service.

Priority of hospitalization for service-connected disabled; hospital care "when beds are available" for other ill veterans unable to afford private hospitalization.

Fair administration of veterans preference laws, employment opportunities for handicapped and disabled veterans.

Full hearings for veterans by reviewing, corrective and settlement boards of the Government.

Extension of the current GI loan program as to purchase of homes and farms.

**FOREIGN POLICY**—Another look at the foreign-aid program and its "reappraisal" are pledged; nevertheless American help to friendly nations abroad will be continued, including "defensive" arms to be sent to Israel. Other pledges:

No admission of Red China to United Nations.

Revision of the immigration law to allow more liberal admission of displaced persons and their relatives.

Aid to Asia's free peoples to improve their living standards.

Continued effort (before United Nations) to win liberty for Soviet-occupied countries.

**NATIONAL DEFENSE**—"Political considerations of budget-balancing and tax reduction," reads the platform, "now come before the wants of our national security (*Continued on page 57*)

**A**D LAI E. STEVENSON, seeking election as the 35th President, is the grandson of a Vice President of the United States. The latter, of the same name, was Grover Cleveland's running mate in 1892.

A party man whose political regularity was never open to question, Candidate Stevenson was born to at least a silver-plated spoon. Scholarly, wit as keen as a razor's edge, quick at high-grade repartee, he is regarded by close friends as one of America's intelligentsia.

His education, beginning with the public schools in Bloomington, Ill., carried him through Princeton University, from which he was graduated in 1922. There he edited the *Daily Princetonian*. His flair for journalism took him for a time, in his earlier life, to the *Bloomington Pantagraph*. One of his projects there was a series on the Scopes trial in Tennessee.

In 1926 he received a law degree from Northwestern University. In 1928 he married Ellen Borden (later divorced, incompatibility) by whom he had three sons: John Fell; Adlai, Jr.; and Borden.

When the New Deal administration took over, Stevenson became an employee of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration under Henry Wallace. In the late 1930's he headed a Chicago Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies. In this work his colleagues, on a national scale, included Wendell Wilkie, William Allen White, Carl Sandburg, and Colonel Frank Knox.

As special assistant to Knox, Stevenson came back to Washington when Knox became Secretary of the Navy in Franklin Roosevelt's Cabinet.

At San Francisco when the United Nations Charter was written, Stevenson was press officer for the U.S. delegation. With Trygve Lie and others he helped draft the first U.N. budget. Back at his law practice in Chicago in 1947.

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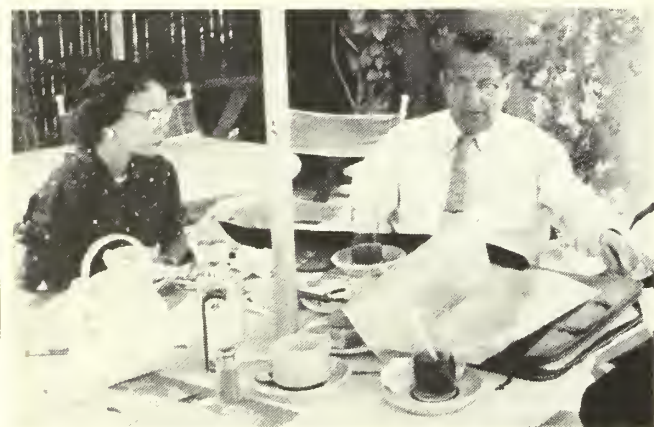




# THE UNSEEN

Everybody rehearses. After the music and staging are set, the cameraman checks to see that he has the best angles to shoot.

These behind-the-scenes pictures may help explain a TV phenomenon.



During a lull between shows Welk uses the time to answer some of the letters from his TV audience.

**I**N THE FABULOUS world of television few success stories can top that of Lawrence Welk and his orchestra. In the space of one year his TV show has become one of the country's top shows, climbing to fourth place in the ratings last July.

Sponsored by the Dodge Dealers of America, Welk's Champagne Music is heard over the American Broadcasting Company TV network every Saturday night by a nationwide audience of over 30,000,000 people.

Topflight TV shows do not come

easily, however. More than any other medium of show business TV requires grueling hours of rehearsal and planning and hundreds of people to do the work and to perform.

On these two pages the camera has caught some of the activity behind the scenes of a typical Lawrence Welk show.

Legionnaires will be happy to know that some of the numbers being rehearsed here will be sung and played on the November 10 telecast as a Veterans Day musical salute.

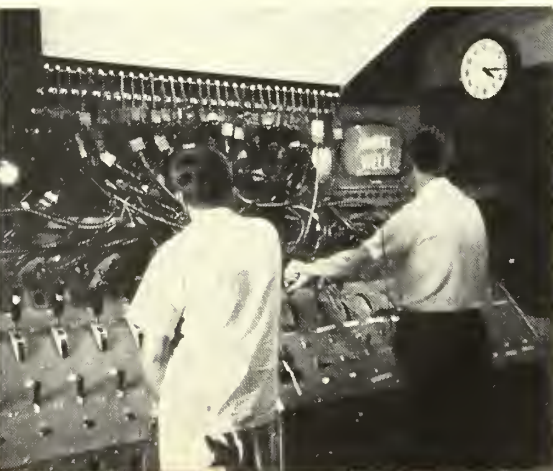
THE END

PHOTOS BY DAVE SUTTON

It may take hours to build a set that will appear on your TV screen for just minutes.



Lighting controls. TV combines all the stage arts with those of radio and few devices of its own.



It takes hours to rig the heavy lights for the best stage effects.





# LAWRENCE WELK SHOW



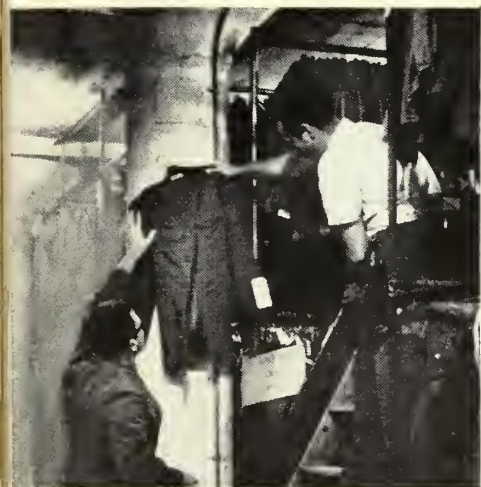
Welk's "Champagne Music" has captivated the country. Here he checks an arrangement with George Cates, musical supervisor, to be sure that it has his distinctive style.



Welk and Alice Lon, the "Champagne Lady," rehearse the music for the famous World War I song *Over There* to be used on the November 10 show.



TV productions require visual appeal as well as sound; so Bob Lido, Dick Dale, Larry Hooper and Lawrence Welk rehearse a song dressed in the uniforms of World War I doughboys.



World War I uniforms are scarce, but the costume department was able to come up with enough for the show.

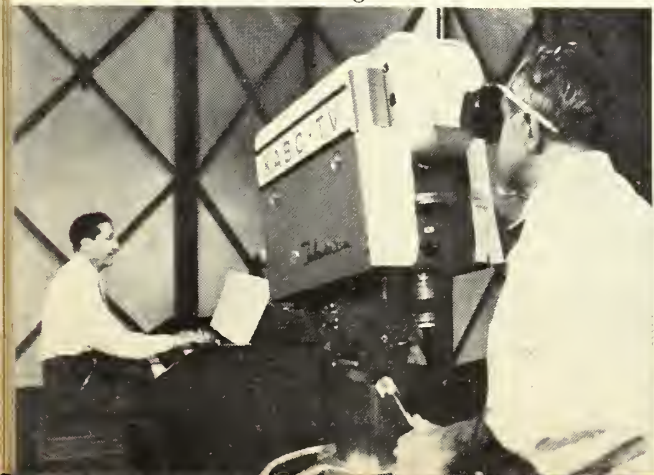


Oldtimers recall that roll puttees were a problem, but *they* weren't lucky enough to have someone adjust them.



TV makeup is an art in itself. The bright, hot lights call for careful preparation such as Alice Lon is getting from the makeup man.

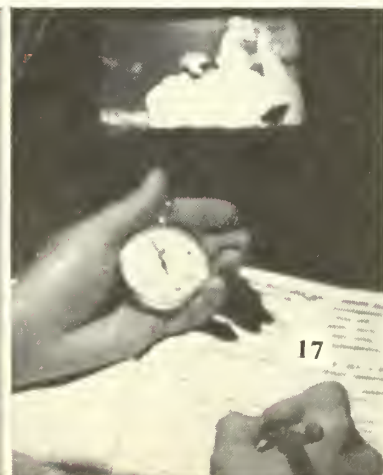
As show time gets closer, the rehearsals become smoother. Here Welk runs through a number for the camera.



The finishing touches. Associate Director Maurie Orr checks the script.



On the air! The stopwatch times the show on the monitor set.





# ARE AMERICANS BEING

**I**N MY YEARS OF research into brainwashing I have interviewed more brainwashed individuals of different races, nationalities and professions than anyone else. I put the word into the language and first revealed it as a methodically planned strategy. All the evidence I have gathered shows brainwashing to be a communist *policy*, implementing its ideology and employing a criminal set of pressures. These are hunger, fatigue, tenseness, threats, violence, atrocities, and sometimes drugs and hypnotism.

They are exerted according to the findings of a Russian physiologist named Ivan P. Pavlov, who found that he could produce predetermined reactions in dogs by subjecting them to certain stimuli such as lights and bells. A dog which hears or sees the same signal repeatedly starts reacting auto-

By **EDWARD HUNTER**

The man who introduced the word "Brainwashing" into the American language corrects some misconceptions. It is erroneous, he states, to say that we have brainwashing here, but many things are being done



which serve to soften us up. Describing this softening-up process, he tells of some simple and effective measures that we must take to prevent it.



In Korea the typical routine was to bring a man to the point of death, then save his life by a switch to kindness.

matically. Pavlov's findings, applied to humans, are the bases for brainwashing, and the technique has the long-range objective of changing human nature to create a political robot called "the new Soviet man."

The red indoctrinator in Korea wore down his prisoner until his mind was "shot to pieces." A man with gangrene setting into his frozen toes was offered a hospital bed if he only would be "reasonable" and "study." The political lesson given him, beneath a coating of doubletalk, always came down to betrayal of one's buddies and treason to one's country. A typical routine was to bring a man to the point of death, then save his life by a dramatic switch from cruelty to kindness. After this was done a few times, as one such victim explained it to me, "You are grateful to them for saving your life; you forget that they're the people who almost killed you."

This is the hot and cold treatment, the carrot and the club, the inflating and deflating of hope, the "peace drive" and H-bomb variation that is the quintessence of red technique everywhere. When a red-dominated country reaches such a low ebb that revolt is the only alternative, the Free World is called on to save the red

regime. Our trade then can give the communist hierarchy the crust of bread with which to win gratitude from its downtrodden masses.

All this is brainwashing. No, we certainly do not in this country use illness and starvation as a weapon, or stoop to such calculated vicious practices. They are sheer evil. Our hands are clean on that score. But then, is there any truth behind the persistence with which some



TV dramatizes the way rewards are paid for memory instead of judgment.

people ask: "What about brainwashing in America?"

Brainwashing works through two channels: a softening-up process and an indoctrination process. The former need not refer to communism at all. Its intent is to put the victim's mind into a fog, to create the confusion without which there can be no brainwashing.



# BRAINWASHED?

The horrible pressures mentioned earlier are necessary to befog brains. The contemptible trick is to confuse the victim over what happened and what didn't happen, until he mixes up the two. A hallucination can then be induced, and at that stage the reds extort confessions of what never took place.

One of the most important lessons we can learn from the red POW camps in Korea is that the softening-up process was alarmingly easy with a great number of American captives. Many of our men appeared already more or less softened-up before they fell into communist hands. Somehow, we had done that part of the job for the reds. Home, school, and church had missed out somewhere. The records showed that resistance boiled down to character. Education and rank could be used for good or for bad, according to the individual's integrity.

The main vulnerabilities that the reds were able to exploit in their victims are frequently glamorized here in

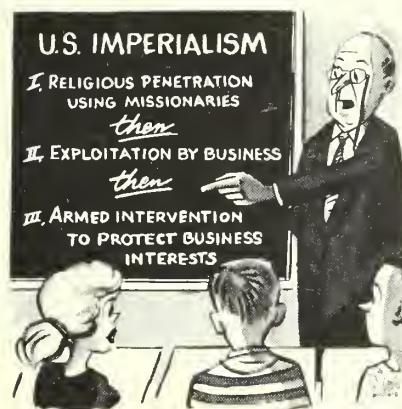


One softening-up process consists in using ridicule to belittle leaders.

America as a misnamed "liberal education," an extremist "seeing the other fellow's point of view," watching out only for "What's in it for me?" and a host of other supposedly "modern" traits that branded anything as "corny" that wasn't strictly new. What was progressive was given a pro-red coloration, like that fine word.

American craving for the latest model dishwasher and newest television set had subtly shifted over to the demand for the "original" in human character. This has gone so far that we have extended the slang meaning for the "corn" of a ham vaudeville actor to mean anything that is truly genuine, time-tested and part of our universal, human fabric. Yet the first time a boy

kisses a girl, or a woman has a baby, it's very, very old-fashioned—the "corniest" acts in the world. Conversely, "to be different" has been made into a gospel, and its disciples have tied themselves up with such a precise set of



The communist technique of self-criticism is employed here too.

rules that non-conformism has become the deadliest of intellectual sins. The modern sophisticate is a psychological conformist praying at an altar he calls non-conformism. As in red semantics, black is white, peace is war, to be liberal means to be one-sided, and tolerance means appeasement of evil and surrender to it. The other side is always right. Patriotism is brushed aside as chauvinism—and "corny." A television program about life in the U. S. Army always has to represent it as stupid, and glamorize the "wise guy" who is careful never to get hurt.

The characteristics we are thus indoctrinating into ourselves in a setting of fun are those which made many

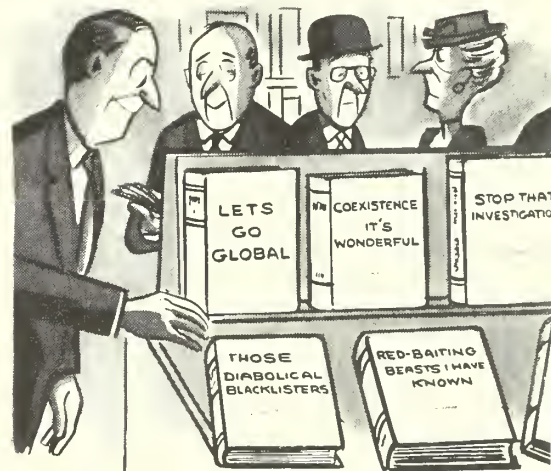


Lazy newspapermen work from hand-outs instead of digging for facts.

American prisoners in Korea putty in the hands of their red captors.

We traditionally and properly strive to see all reasonable sides of every question, in order to take the best of everything and build it up into the most gratifying standard of intellectual and economic life the world has ever known. In this we have succeeded. This is our truly liberal and tolerant approach. But in its name, we have been lured into a red trap that keeps every issue perpetually unsettled, without any definitive judgment ever being reached. The pot keeps boiling until only the red solution is left, and in desperation is fallen for—"voluntarily."

What we must keep stressing is that no man has ever been brainwashed whose mind was not first put into confusion. Yet we have made such a fetish out of objectivity that it works out as confusion for confusion's sake. Objectivity in this setting no longer means a fair, balanced choice, seeking out the best, but no choice at all, deliberately finding good and bad everywhere at all times, unable to distinguish between a POW camp interrogation and a college huddle, so that nothing is really worth getting excited over, much less

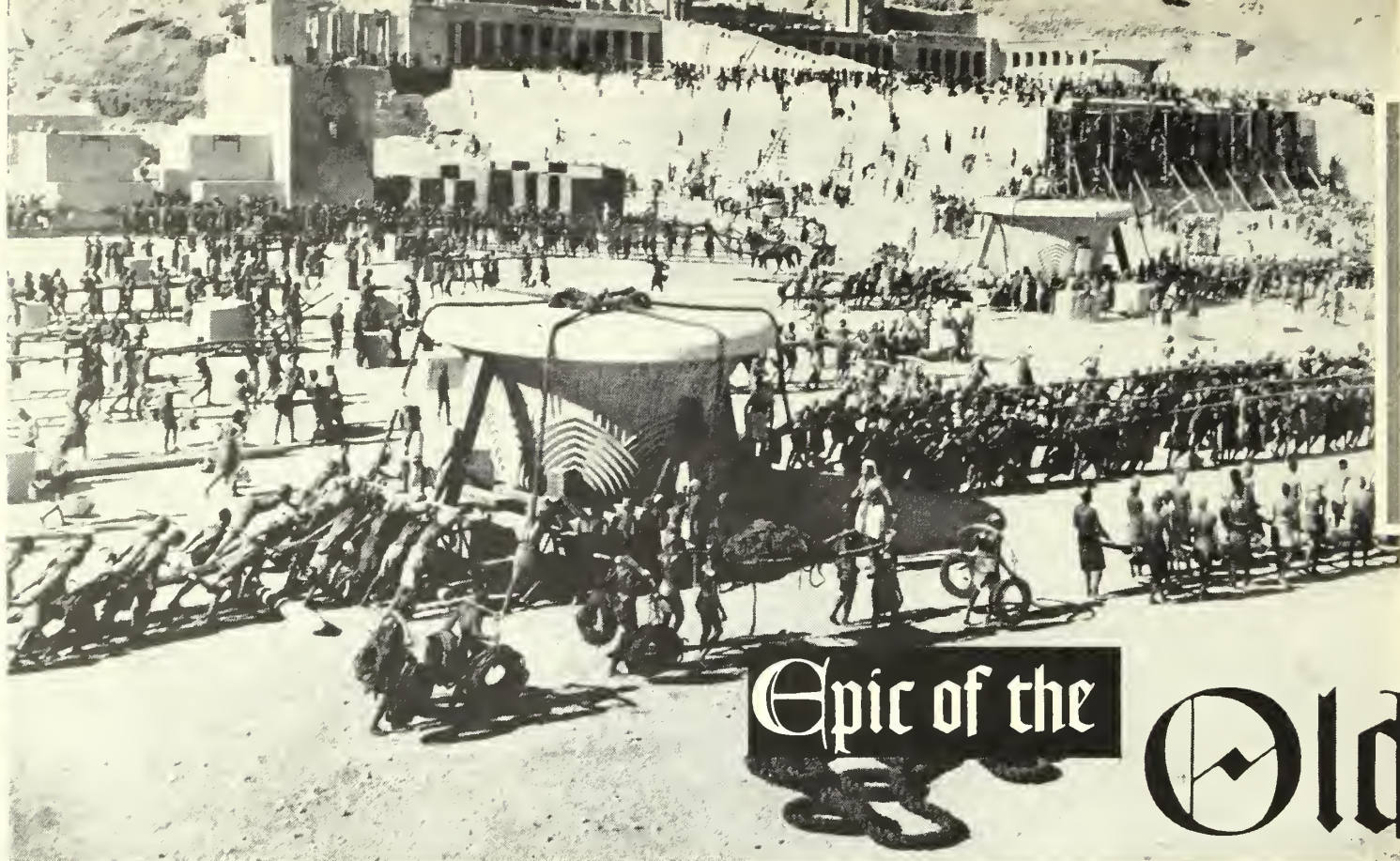


This is the kind of trash that gets hurrahs from "liberal" reviewers.

fighting for, surely not dying for. Feeling becomes emotionalism, as if emotions were not a part of intellect. We are supposed to rid our minds of emotionalism. Of course this turns up as apathy. The emphasis is all on the mote in our own eye, making us think it is a mountain, obscuring the menace in front of us. I found a Sunday School teaching all the world's religions, from Hinduism to Taoism, but somehow forgetting even to refer to Christianity. No wonder one little boy came home and asked, "Daddy, why am I a Christian?"

Softening-up is facilitated by neutral-  
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"And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities. . . ." Hebrew slaves, pulling huge carved stones, labor for the Egyptian ruler.



4. Moses tells his wife of the instructions he received from God—telling him to "bring My people out of Egypt."



5. Divine approval of Moses' pleas is shown when rod becomes serpent as Moses and Aaron seek freedom for Israelites.



6. Water becomes blood after having been struck with rod by Moses' brother Aaron obeying God's instructions to Moses.

10. The children of Israel assemble and prepare to cross the Red Sea and leave the bitter bondage of the Pharaoh.

11. "And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh...." Sea closes behind Israelites.

12. Israelites worship the golden calf before Moses returns from Sinai where God gave him the Ten Commandments.







1. Women cringe in terror as soldier stands with sword poised over cradle after Pharaoh had ordered death for all newborn Hebrew males.

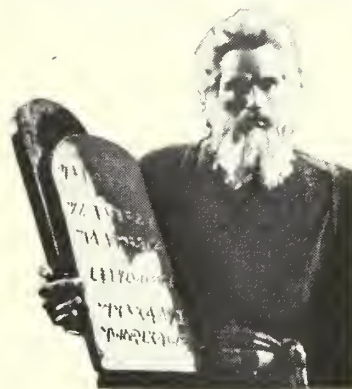


2. "And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark . . . and put the child therein..." The baby Moses is hidden.



3. "...and when she saw the ark . . . she sent her maid to fetch it." Pharaoh's daughter finds Moses in the bulrushes.

# Testament



Years of planning and research were required to produce Cecil B. de Mille's latest and greatest film, *The Ten Commandments*.

**C**ECIL B. DE MILLE has made 70 motion pictures since 1913. He is known as "Mr. Master" in the movie industry and as a courageous spokesman for America. He is a master of the spectacular film but his latest picture, *The Ten Commandments*, a dramatization of the life of Moses, outdoes all the rest. It is the biggest production in screen history. Filmed in Technicolor by Paramount Pictures Corp., *The Ten Commandments* was 10 years in the planning, was shot partially on actual Biblical sites (including Mt. Sinai). It employs more "extras" than any other picture (in Egypt whole tribes, their goods and animals were hired), and its cast includes: Charlton Heston as Moses, Anne Baxter, Yul Brynner, Edward G. Robinson, Yvonne DeCarlo, Debra Paget, John Derek, Nina Foch, Judith Anderson, Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Vincent Price, Martha Scott, John Carradine. THE END



7. "So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land..."



8. Moses and some of his followers eat their last meal as Pharaoh's slaves. Thus began the Passover.



9. Pharaoh prays to false god after his son is stricken by pestilence, the tenth plague sent to free the Israelites.

13. Back from Mount Sinai, Moses sees the Israelites worshipping the golden calf. Furious at his people, he hurls the tablets to the ground.



14. The earth opens; fire draws the idol and revelers into the abyss. "The earth opened her mouth and swallowed them up."



15. Moses bids farewell as he leaves to ascend Mount Nebo, does not enter the Promised Land.







# CALCULATED RISK

Prior to Pearl Harbor the American people and men in uniform were being assured that they had little to worry about. Feeling that war was imminent, General Edmonds decided to tell the truth to the men of his command. It was a gamble and in this article the General tells how the gamble paid off.

**By Maj. Gen. JAMES E. EDMONDS, N.G.U.S. (Ret.)**

**L**ISTENING TO THE torrents of contradictory doubletalk from various official or other supposedly expert sources, I wonder about these people. Are they confused about Americans? Are they just confused among themselves? Are they afraid to tell the folks the truth? Or is it that they don't know the truth?

It all brings back to mind a certain moonlit spring night in 1941, in a woodland glade on the old Civil War battlefield of Petersburg, in Southside Virginia, on the outskirts of the great and then renewed training center of Camp Lee.

That night the scene and the associations there moved me to what was, to me, a high and possibly hazardous decision. It had to do with my role as commanding general of that camp—one of the great ones for the new Army then being raised. Of course, I was not taking any immediate calculated risk with the bodies and lives of the thousands of new young soldiery for whom I was responsible. Instead, I risked their

mood-to-serve in later possible campaign and combat. I was sure that campaign and combat were to come. What I decided, what then and later I did, put at stake the *willingness* of those thousands fresh in uniform from civilian life—drafted, too, and very few volunteers—to *be* American soldiers and learn their trade!

Quite plainly, that doubtful, hesitant spring of '41, what I decided, said, and did that special night ran counter to the policies of Washington. So I was sure I hazarded my citizen-soldier's chance to do my further part in the great conflict I felt certain was impending. If I struck the wrong note in what I was to say, and in how I said it? Well, it would boost the a.w.o.l. rate next weekend, start protesting letters to Congressmen from wives and mothers, dull the temper of that whole teeming soldier-training community. That's how sensitive a military organism is to what's said and how it's said by those from whom leadership and example are ex-

pected. That was part of the problem.

On the other hand, if I struck the right note? It probably would be months before good consequences appeared. So, after decision, I had to take the calculated risk—for my men and for myself.

Across the years of hot war and cold, I now know that my decision was right. I deserved no special credit for it then, nor do I now. It was really an inescapable resultant from my years of *civilian* experience and conviction. There at Lee it won support of most of my military associates of command and staff. Most were glad I could lead the way. Before war's end and by the record what was decided for the men of Lee that spring night of 1941 had served somewhat to hearten and give edge to the mood and will-to-serve of some half a million new soldiery who passed that way to take their places in every theater of operations—in New Guinea, Philippines, North Africa, Italy, France, and Germany. And—



again by the record—it served somewhat as an example and laboratory experiment for the whole Army of the United States.

For me, as a person and a high-ranking citizen-soldier, the decision was in favor of my conviction as a civilian and *against* the ancient soldier rule that the subordinate must accept as the equivalent of an order the expressed or implied desires of his superiors. And until that spring night, and for weeks later, the ruling “expressed or implied desires” in Washington were not in line with what I decided.

Yet the decision was simple, and readily carried out.

It was just a quick determination, there in that glade sloping up to long-quiet, once fire-blazing Confederate earthworks, to give one single battalion of newly drafted soldiers of early 1941 an honest, grown man’s reason for being snatched out of civilian life and jammed into uniform. And then, with what had happened in that glade so many years before as text, to tell what being an American soldier in the 1940’s might mean to them before their tours were ended.

It became an inescapable decision for me to do just that. Yet in early 1941 harsh pressures were the other way. Remember? There was a song to the effect that “It will



Realistic, rigorous basic training like this paid off later.

only be a year, dear, until you are back in my arms!” Pundit Walter Lippmann and such a Senator as Robert A. Taft, argued we would “help the Allies most” by disbanding our new Army of a million-odd and by sending the men back to farms and factories. Disbanding was prevented by the margin of *one vote* in the House of Representatives. Walter Winchell insisted we must never, no never, let American lads die in the mud of Europe. Roosevelt and Willkie, clamoring for the Presidency a few months earlier, had competed in pledges not to send American soldiers to “fight in foreign wars.” Word came to us that men on leave or furlough should wear “civvies”—so they’d not remind distant placid communities that an Army was being built.

At Lee our undercover people—advised by FBI and draft boards—kept us watchful of two small gangs among our men, unctuously well-behaved, mutually cooperating—one bundist, one red. And in the sprawling War Department was a turmoil of second-thinking, tearing up and re-doing—confidence shaking, far down the ranks. Some wondered

if in Washington—deep in the woodwork—were those shrewdly striving to keep us unready until Hitler, Stalin, Khrushchev, still partners in bloody thievery, might work their will with the world.

And emotional utterances of devotion to peace? Official refusals to admit the probability of war? They were as ardent as in this campaign year of 1956.

In that setting we at Lee went about our military chore of indoctrinating and beginning to train the twenty-odd-thousand men of our first class of “selectees”—a nicer term, we were cautioned, than “drafted men.”

My own call to duty had come in early January. I was a National Guardsman. Not long before, as a newsman, I had been in Japan, China, India, and on the Continent. It seemed to be vividly clear that the wars in Asia and Europe were soon to merge, and that already it was *our* war.

A sense of urgency was driving me and some others near the top there at Lee. Some felt that a day lost at Lee might be a day fatally lost in getting some essential service to some crucial battlefield soon to be.

Some of us there at Lee wanted to tell our people just that. And *why?*

But out of Washington, down to us in the camps, was still the soothing, “Shush! Shush!” Policy on Pennsylvania Avenue and the Hill appeared based on the idea that neither civilians nor new soldiery could be trusted with the stark truth of what was going on and what impended—for us. We must wait, so it appeared, for some enemy to strike a revealing blow. As we can say it now, for a Pearl Harbor.

One regimental commander lamented, “It’s like trying to



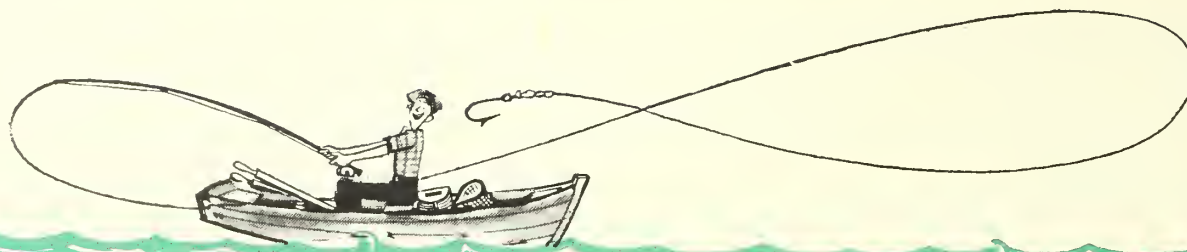
Monument to the brave men of the First Maine Heavy Artillery whose valor inspired recruits in the doubtful days of 1941.

temper a football team, with no named rival and no games scheduled!”

His problem, mine, the problem of us all was how to win for our men, for our Nation, and for all we “had and were” the tempered *edge* of spirit without which soldiers and armies may be broken reeds when needed most.

All that weighed on my own mood as I rode through the April dusk of 1941 to that glade on the old battlefield of the 1860’s. A training battalion was due for night schooling in movement by map and compass. (Continued on page 49)





# THEY CATCH FISHERMEN



Stories of people who snare anglers with gadgets that catch fish.

By JACK DENTON SCOTT

**E**VERY YEAR hundreds of clever people are discovering that it is more fun to catch fishermen than fish. In the process many of them pocket a substantial amount of money, become their own bosses, and make sportsmen happy and fish unhappy.

For instance, Robert C. White, of New London, Ohio, decided one evening when he saw an attractive blond in a mink coat, that maybe snob appeal was the way to hook both the fishermen and the fish. So he tied a tuft of genuine mink on a goldplated hook, attached a pink-and-tinsel body and called his alluring item "The Chorus Girl." Fishermen are snapping at it like crazy at \$1.00 a bite.

Vincent Fritts and Leslie Jackson, of Dover, N. J., possessors of nimble fingers and brains, found that fish nearly always come up underneath live bait to attack. So they put together a contraption that looks like a miniature guillotine with a hook on the end of it. It's a bait holder that keeps minnows alive and unhooked by means of a metal lever and a strong spring. As of the moment both fish and fishermen seem to be fascinated, and Fritts and Jackson are prepared to man-

ufacture 2,000 "Bait-Holders" a day. They think they'll market the weird-looking gimmick for a dollar.

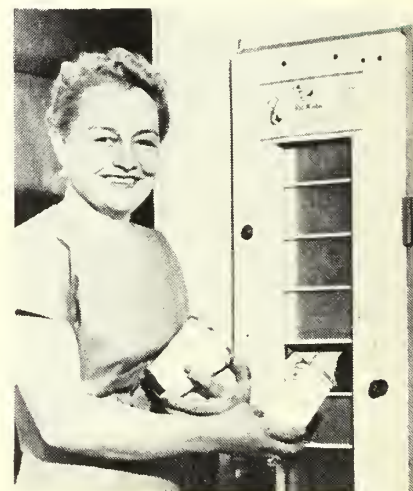
Weird is the word for a number of ideas and gadgets that hit the market every year, designed to make fishermen rise to the surface with money in both hands. Bigtime operators James Heddon's Sons, Dowagiac, Mich., made quite a



▲ The churning action of this lure intrigues fish and fishermen.

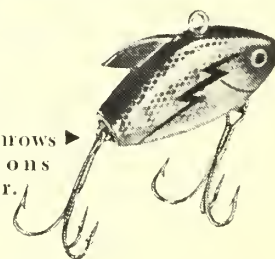


With a flip of the wrist ▶ it takes the hook out.



Joyce Wood operates a string of worm-vending machines.

▶ The "Sonic" throws off vibrations which fish hear.



bundle from a little number called "The River Runt," a hunk of painted wood that somehow has both bass and fishermen believing that it looks like a juicy morsel. Its success gave Heddon enough money to hire a team of researchers who have recently stumbled on another

way to appeal to fish, a real weirdy-through sound.

One phase of the research involved one of the men donning diving lungs and walking around the bottom of a lake while the second sat in the boat and cast various kinds of lures. They

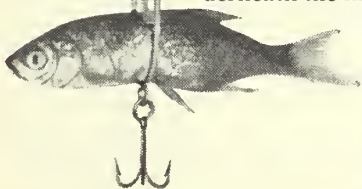




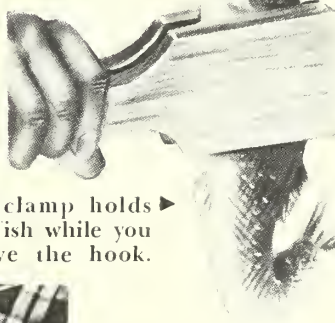
◀ The tongs clamp onto a fish when he grabs the hook.



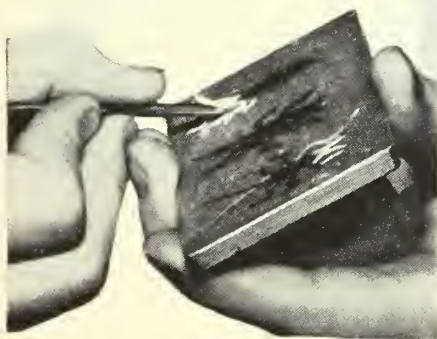
◀ This live-bait holder has a treble hook underneath the minnow.



This clamp holds your fish while you remove the hook.



◀ You pour liquid plastic into molds to make your own lures.



were trying to determine how different species of game fish hit lures, how the lures actually look to fish, how much of a factor color is.

Suddenly the man walking on the bottom moved into an area where the bottom was cloudy. He couldn't see the lure being reeled past, but he could hear it. This gave him an idea, and he quickly surfaced, and soon the brains at Heddon were in a huddle.

Further research brought out that fish are constructed of hollow bones which act as sounding boards or echo chambers. The experts theorized that if fish could hear, then this must be one of their ways of finding food. Using a gadget called a variable frequency oscillator, they determined that the scaly creatures could detect vibrations from 35 cycles to nearly 9,000. Heddon

then sent its men underwater to listen to lures. Out of this came a new principle of fish attraction incorporated in a lure called the "Sonic." This uses a vibrator fin which throws off 4,000 vibrations per second. It is a small metal object, shaped like a shad minnow. It weighs  $\frac{3}{8}$  ounce. It hasn't yet been determined how many fish muddled by murky water have listened to the "Sonic," but fishermen are bending an ear and buying so many that it is on its way to becoming

Heddon's biggest success.

Quite a few companies have come into being basing their operation and product on an unusual theory of taking fish. In addition to the sound and vibrator theorists, there are those who tout the electric-light lure, fishing at night with a neon plug, those who believe fish can distinguish colors (which they can) and who put out fish-attractors with bright shades for dark days and dark alluring numbers for bright

days. But the most startling theory of them all appeared last year. Combining the fish's sense of smell with that of sex, one company sprang into action declaring: "Our secret scent, discovered by a German scientist attracts the fish through his sense of smell and SEX! Just sprinkle a little of this secret liquid on your bait. Not only will it bring fish right to your hook but it will drive them crazy." We checked this statement with many marine biologists and ichthyologists. Their consensus:

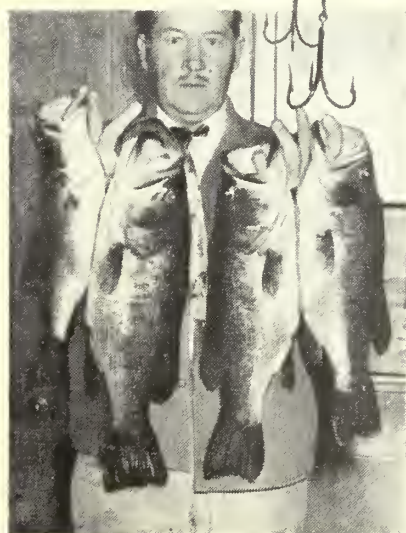
"We doubt if such a thing is possible. But even if the sex smell is present on a bait or lure, it will probably have just the opposite effect from that the fisherman wants."

Despite what the scientists say, many fishermen have been

lured by this "sex-smell" theory, and maybe it does work. The companies that manufacture the stuff seem to be able to afford advertising space in the big magazines. No less an authority than the United States Government's Bureau of Fisheries has substantiated the claim and belief that fish actually *can* smell. In its pamphlet entitled *The Sense of Smell in Fisheries* sentences like these abound:

"As a preliminary step in testing cat-fishes, five normal fish were placed in a large aquarium. In this aquarium were then hung two wads of cheesecloth,

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The "Flatfish" lure above crawls like a wounded fish, catches beauties like those held by inventor Helin.



# Friends

THE OTHER DAY I listened to a conversation two women were having in a beauty parlor, and ever since I've been thinking about what they said.

"I'd like to go out to one of the veterans hospitals," the first woman said, "and see if there might be something I could do to help, but if I didn't have anyone special to visit, or didn't have on a uniform of any kind, the boys would probably think I was just being snoopy."

"Anyway," her companion said, "a lot of them are mental patients, and there's certainly nothing you could do for them."

My hair was dripping wet, but I had just jumped up and was going to talk to these women when they went out the door and disappeared down the street.

There were lots of things I wanted to tell them, and I'd still like to. Also, I've been wondering if there are many other people who feel the way they do. If there are, I wish I could talk to every one of them.

Of course people are different, but no one could help being happy to have made some of the friends I've made at a veterans hospital—as a visitor. Lots of times there hasn't been much I could find to do for any of them, but usually the patients are glad to have visitors from the "outside," if only because it gives them something new to talk about, and I've never felt I wasn't welcome. Besides, most of them are a long way from home, which means they don't get to see their families often, and they need friends.

I probably would never have thought of visiting veterans in a hospital if it hadn't been for a letter from a mother in Idaho soon after World War I, telling me that her son had been sent to a veterans hospital near Washington with a "nervous disorder."

"He was always a good boy," she said, "and did all his chores except when it came time to butcher. He was gentle with the animals and couldn't stand killing them." She enclosed a snapshot of a tall, gangling boy with a conspicuous Adam's apple. "Would you go and see him?" she asked.

I didn't know this woman, but my husband was Senator from Idaho, and I was glad she thought of me as a friend and felt free to ask me a personal favor. I had planned to go shopping that day, but changed my plans and went right out to the hospital.

I found Slim in the psychopathic ward. He was in a large recreation hall with about a hundred other patients, and he was standing alone with his back to the others, kicking thoughtfully at what seemed to be imaginary clods of dirt. He had the saddest eyes I've ever seen.



Patrick lined me up with the nurses and went down the line kissing everyone.

"Hello, Slim," I said. He got awfully busy studying the floor and then he fished in his pocket and took out a rusty nail which he turned over and over, scrutinizing it with the greatest care.

"I had a letter from your mother today," I said. He didn't seem to hear me. A guard told me later he hadn't spoken a word to anyone since they'd brought him to the hospital.

The next morning I took him a basket of cookies, some magazines, and a carton of cigarettes. He seemed interested in his presents, but when I held them out for him he didn't offer to take anything. Finally I laid them all on a table. After a while he reached out and picked up three packages of cigarettes. But he wouldn't take anything else.

I tried to go regularly once a week after that to see Slim. Before long he seemed to know when it was my day to come and was usually waiting for me by the door. As soon as he saw me, he'd turn his back and get busy fixing a chair, or examining a button on his coat, or swinging on his heel. Then his

curiosity would get the best of him, and he'd look around to see what I'd brought.

No matter what else I had for him, if there weren't any cigarettes he seemed disappointed. Once I tried to



Slim turned his pockets inside out to show me they were empty.

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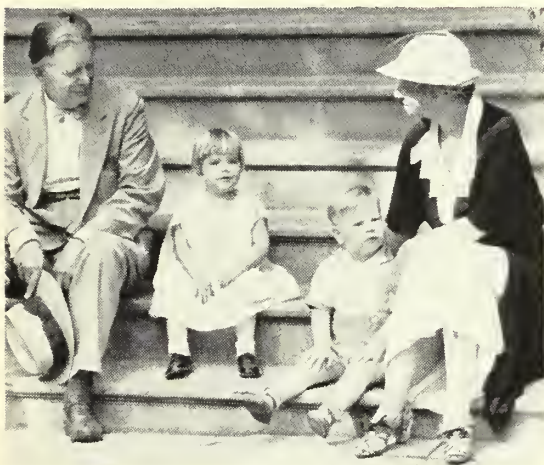


# I've Made

— By MARY BORAH —

as told to MARY PERRINE

Visiting hospitalized veterans in mental wards can provide some unforgettable experiences.



The author at right with her husband, Senator William E. Borah, and two little friends.

bribe him to talk. "Slim," I threatened, "unless you say 'please' I'll give all your cigarettes to some other boy." He began to turn his pockets inside out to



On his fingers he counted the members of his family.

show me they were empty, and then he shrugged his shoulders and walked away.

For more than a year there didn't seem to be any improvement in Slim, but I always remembered something his mother had said once in a letter. "It

may take time; he's always been slow, but he'll get over it."

Then one morning I went to see him and found him working diligently with a piece of clay. He was modeling a horse.

Not long after that he looked up one day when I came in and casually said "Hello." One of the doctors had asked me to let him know if Slim ever said anything, so I went right away to tell him.

Gradually Slim began to talk more and more. By the end of the year he was able to go home. His mother wrote that he wasn't himself at first, but being home seemed to help, and finally he began working "like he used to." Then she wrote me one day that he was going to marry one of his boyhood sweethearts. "We think now he's just about like he used to be," she said.

One of the other boys I got to know in Slim's ward was a big hulking fellow

solitaire, and the boy got up and strolled away.

Finally he picked up a magazine and sat staring at the pages. I'd been avoiding his eyes because I had an idea the other patients would be mad if I made a friendly gesture toward him. They had their own way of breaking in newcomers. But he looked so pathetic I decided I didn't care, and went over and spoke to him.

At the sound of my voice he glanced up dully, and then his face lit up almost with reverence. "Hello, Mother," he said. The other boys hadn't missed this. I could see them exchanging smiles.

He stood up and made me sit down



Smithy was dying but he worried about his bird.

in his chair, then he got another one for himself, and we had a long conversation. He told me his name was Bert, and he was from Chicago. He had a mother and a father and three brothers and one sister, he said, counting them all off on his fingers. Then he hesitated as if he were trying to think of someone else, but he shook his head.

Eventually Bert became one of the best liked patients on the floor. He never got mad regardless of what the other boys said or did, and he'd do anything for them.

But he began to be forgetful, and he'd sit staring into space as if he were trying to remember. One day he gripped a soda bottle so hard it broke in his hand. He looked uncomprehendingly at his bloody hand and the broken glass, and went back to his thoughts still holding the pieces of glass.

These spells began to come often, and finally he was transferred to a locked ward. The first time I went to see him there he took me all around the ward and



Little liked pictures of ducks and I'd leave several for him.

with work-worn hands. I happened to go to the hospital the day he arrived, and I noticed him because he seemed lonesome. He kept wandering here and there trying to make friends. But there was evidently a conspiracy against him. He walked up to a group, and it suddenly dissolved, leaving him standing alone. Then he took something out of his pocket and tried to show it to one of the boys, but the boy acted more interested in something else. Next he stopped to watch a boy who was playing



After the operation Tom got his airplane trip.

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# ROD AND GUN CLUB



By JACK DENTON SCOTT

**IF YOUR SPOUSE** has been wondering whether that poor worm that you put on your hook when you fish feels hurt about the whole thing, you can answer her question and probably some you have too about the wrigglers by reading the new 44-page booklet *Fishbait Culture and Care*, by biologist S. B. Krochmal. It seems that the worm doesn't get bothered overmuch by being hooked, and the little book contains much information on other bait life such as minnows, crickets, crayfish, frogs, grasshoppers and even cockroaches. Good for dreaming over until fishing season begins next year. Cost \$1.00. Write to S. B. Krochmal, R.D. 1, Alton, N. H.



**JAMES A. MORGAN**, 24 Forest Glen Drive, Middletown, Ohio, advises, "While hunting for ducks I was often made uncomfortable by the dampness of my clothing. I solved this by melting regular canning wax and brushing it on my hunting clothes. It doesn't harm clothing at all and stays for many washings. Most important, it keeps the damp out."

**OUR READERS** sometimes ask us the darnedest questions. Last one that puzzled us until we called in a specialist on things that wiggle was: "Do snakes have ears? If not how do they hear?" Answer: Snakes do not have ears but hear by receiving sound vibrations through their tongues. Dick Boyer gives some excellent information on snakes in his article "Serpent Superstitions" in *The Ohio Conservation Bulletin* for September 1956.

**LIKE TO BUY** a real live buffalo, an elk, a mule deer? The Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., is offering 500 buffaloes, 76 elk and, 110 mule deer in a surplus big game animal sale. They've been weeding out the big game preserves in the Western States and offering bargains. First come, first served. If you can't quite manage the whole live animal, you can buy a quarter of a carcass for your freezer, and serve friends and family tasty buffalo or elk steak; prices from 60 to 80 cents a pound.

**L. NAGLE**, 839 E. Seventh St., St. Paul 6, Minn., has a helpful one for deer hunters. "To remove those offensive hairs from your deer carcass," he says, "let the meat hang four or five hours until a glaze has formed, then brush with a stiff vegetable brush, and every hair is easily removed."

Another deer hunter, Edward Zavecz, 407 N. Penrose St., Quakertown, Pa., offers: "Detach the butt plate from your rifle. Under it you will probably find two holes; if not, bore two with a drill about two inches deep. In one hole place waterproofed matches, in the other perhaps one of those tiny compasses, a front or rear sight or an extra firing pin. All of these items are unobtainable in the deep woods." Hunter Zavecz also tells us that one day he accidentally dropped a brandnew pair of hunting boots in warm water. They were the only boots he had; so he wore them wet as they were, and discovered that when they had dried they fit his feet as comfortably as if he had worn them for months.

**NEW ENGLANDERS!** For just four cents in stamps you can have a 55-page identification guide to all waterfowl common in Massachusetts. Black and white scratch-board illustrations. Size 5 in. x 8 in. Booklet is called *Massachusetts Waterfowl Identification Guide*. Send stamps and your name and address to Information and Education Service, Fisheries and Game Field Headquarters, Westboro, Mass.



**THE WORD** is out that women can no longer compete in the Big Ten rifle competition. The move was voted by the college rifle coaches after Roberta Grubbins of the University of Michigan placed seventh in such competition. Since shooting is one sport where sex shouldn't matter, and since the number of women shooters has been on the increase, some of the females even taking top shooting prizes, the move to bar them from college competitive shooting comes as a surprise. This column considers it senseless and a step backwards in shooting. We need to encourage shooting, not discourage it.

**GOT A** double-triggered shotgun that you want converted to a single? Want a ventilated rib installed on the old smooth-bore? Like to have a sight that glows so you can line up on target quickly on dark days? Then the Simmons Gun Specialists, 504 E. 18th Street, Kansas City 8, Mo., are the people for you. Write for their free catalog which not only tells about their new "Glow Worm" shotgun sight, but gives information on how your plain stock can become a Monte Carlo, how you can get your initials engraved in gold on the trigger guard, and many other details that gun lovers will jump up and down about.



**ALTHOUGH WE** mentioned an item somewhat similar to this last year, we're going to run Bob Buchanan's advice on plucking ducks because we've tried it and it works. (Bob is from Lovelock, Nev.) "I've found a way to pick ducks and geese that makes it a pleasure," says Bob. "First get that big kettle full of boiling water, then add one full cup of any kind of detergent (I use Vel) and dip the birds in. The dip quickly cuts the oil in their feathers and they pluck as cleanly and as easily as a chicken."

**IF YOU'VE FOUND** pheasants and other game birds in the public shooting grounds sparse, investigate the shooting preserves in your State. Birds are unlimited there, and more than 28 States now have preserves where you can shoot ducks, pheasants, quail, chukar partridge, some even tempting the shooter with the wild turkey. A letter to the Sportsmen's Service Bureau, 205 East 43rd Street, New York 17, N. Y., will bring you full information on preserves, whether you are interested in raising the birds to release for hunters yourself, or if you are a hunter in quest of a convenient preserve.

If you have a helpful idea that pertains to hunting or fishing, send it along. If we can use it, we'll reward you with a hunting or fishing accessory. Address: Outdoor Editor, *The American Legion Magazine*, 720 Fifth Avenue, New York 19, New York.





A DIGEST OF EVENTS WHICH ARE OF PERSONAL INTEREST TO YOU

### PENNSYLVANIA BONUS DETAILS, WW2 & KOREA:

Herewith facts on final deadline for Pennsylvania WW2 bonus applications and progress report on Pennsylvania Korea bonus.

All WW2 bonus applications must be in hand by Dec. 31 this year. . . . This is third deadline extension for WW2 bonus, and probably last. . . . Sixty days service between Dec. 7, 1941 and Sept. 2, 1945 required. . . . If thus eligible, service up to Mar. 2, 1946 may count in calculating amount of bonus. . . . Residence in Pennsylvania at time of entry into WW2 service required. . . . Ten dollars for each month of duty stateside, \$15 for each month of duty abroad. . . . Maximum, \$500. . . . Eligible survivors may collect maximum amount if serviceman died between Dec. 7, 1941 and Sept. 2, 1945. . . . Apply to Deputy Adj't General for Veterans Affairs, Dep't of Military Affairs, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pa.

Pennsylvania Korea bonus bill passed General Assembly in last session. . . . Bill must pass again in another session, and then by OK'd by voters at polls before it's final. . . . Thus earliest possible ratification of Korea bonus in Pennsylvania is Election Day, 1957.

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### DELAWARE KOREA BONUS DEADLINE:

Delaware Korea bonus application deadline is Jan. 1, 1957. . . . For forms and details and to apply write: Paul Podolsky, President-Director, Veterans Military Pay Commission, P.O. Box 966, Wilmington, Del.

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### NOW VETS CAN REALLY TRANSFER A VA MORTGAGE:

Public Law 898, 84th Congress, enacted Aug. 1, provides that with VA approval a vet can now transfer a GI mortgage to a buyer of his home without being stuck for the GI guarantee if the purchaser later defaults on the mortgage. . . . Previously the vet was stuck for the VA's guarantee if his buyer took over the mortgage and then welched on it. . . . Now, when a mortgage transfer is OK'd by the VA, vet's liability is no different than if he had transferred a regular non-VA mortgage. . . . However, such a transfer does not permit a vet to new entitlement of a VA guarantee on his own new home, even under those special conditions under which such new entitlement is now permitted. . . . As long as his old mortgage exists, it stands on the books as a used-up part of his entitlement, regardless of other circumstances.

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### PL881 REQUIRES EXTENSIVE STUDY BY ALL SERVICE OFFICERS:

Not since the GI Bill of Rights was passed in 1944 has any law imposed so much homework on veterans' service officers as has Public Law 881, known as The Servicemen's and Veterans' Survivor Benefits Act. . . . It completely

changes the basis on which death compensation will be paid in the future. . . . Its complex provisions are outlined in Veterans' Administration Fact Sheet IS-6, dated Sept. 1956, whose content was also published in American Legion National Rehabilitation Memorandum, Special Circular 32, of Aug. 27, 1956. . . . The contents of this fact sheet are "must" reading for all service officers. . . . Meanwhile, since the new law imposes a choice of benefits on more than 600,000 widows, orphans and dependent parents who are now receiving death compensation, the major story on the pages that follow this Newsletter is devoted to information that will assist them in making the choice. . . . Even so, it will be seen that separate calculations must be made to assist many survivors. . . . Most of these calculations can only be made by service officers who have done their homework and have the basic fact sheet on PL881 in hand.

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### GI-TYPE EDUCATION BENEFITS FOR "WAR ORPHANS":

Sons or daughters of men or women who died as a result of military service may now get GI Bill-type education benefits under a far-reaching, Legion-backed act of the last Congress. . . . The bill provides monthly benefits while taking approved educational courses. . . . To be eligible, a beneficiary must be the son or daughter of a person who died of injuries or disease resulting from military service in WW1, WW2, or Korea. . . . Both college and vocational courses, but not high school courses, may be approved.

Legionnaires should do their best to publicize locally the passage of this bill. . . . It is not too well known, and has great meaning to any young man or woman completing or leaving high school who lost a parent either in war service or after war service as a result of service-connected disabilities. . . . as well as for such sons and daughters who are now in the midst of college or vocational training.

The new act (Public Law 634, 84th Congress) creates the War Orphans Education Program, administered by the Veterans Administration, providing for such young men and women monthly financial assistance while taking approved courses of vocational or higher educational nature.

Passage of bill climaxed a long-term aim of The American Legion Child Welfare Program, which over the years has persuaded many States to provide scholarships for war orphans (the term "war orphan" also meaning half-orphan, i.e.: one who lost one parent as a result of war.) . . . The new bill, close to an ideal one, is the first such Federal education aid for war orphans and is patterned after the WW2 and Korea GI Bill education programs — a Legion concept which has thoroughly proved itself.

Thorough details of the provisions for administering the bill, eligibility and of types of training that will be approved, may be found in the VA booklet Questions and Answers on the War Orphans Education Program. . . . High schools, colleges, accredited vocational schools and Legion service



officers should obtain this booklet from the VA office in their VA region.

Below is a partial listing of outstanding features of the bill.

Benefit provided: \$110 a month (full time) . . . \$80 a month ( $\frac{3}{4}$  time) . . . \$50 a month ( $\frac{1}{2}$  time). . . If orphan is a minor, benefit is payable to surviving parent or guardian. . . . Nothing for less than half time. . . . \$90 a month for "co-op" courses which alternate classroom study with on-the-job experience. . . . No benefit for "on-the-job" training without an associated approved course of classroom training.

Kind of courses approved: Courses leading to a definite goal approved by VA in institutions approved by VA. . . . Courses include both approved college courses and approved vocational courses. . . . All courses approved under the Korea GI Bill are approved for War Orphans Program. . . . Also approved are special restorative courses to overcome physical disabilities that impede education.

Kind of courses not allowed: On-the-job training . . . on-the-farm training . . . correspondence school training . . . training given by radio or TV . . . training in foreign countries . . . courses in bartending, dancing, personality development, etc.

Age limit: Generally, applicants must be between 18 and 23 years of age. . . . There are exceptions, so see VA bulletin for full details. . . . Student must have graduated from or have permanently left high school.

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#### **MORE ARMY HISTORIES OF WW2 PUBLISHED:**

Five titles have been added to the Army's magnificent series of histories of WW2 since it was last mentioned here. . . . This brings the total of completed volumes to 33 out of a planned series of 86. . . . Major title of the whole series is "The U.S. Army in World War II."

Latest title, set for publication Oct. 25, 1956 is the first of a series of three on the Signal Corps. . . . Title The Signal Corps: The Emergency. . . . This volume is part of a subseries called "The Technical Services." . . . Volume is fully in keeping with the unparalleled excellence and thoroughness of the entire series. . . . Covers problems and advances of the Signal Corps in the years leading up to Pearl Harbor, and the growth of Army communications between WWI and WW2 . . . the development of radar, military use of FM radio . . . the appetite of cows and pigs for insulation on wires laid by the Signal Corps . . . problems and difficulties of the Corps as it moved from the doldrums of preparedness of the '20s and early '30s to the international and national race for preparedness as Hitler's power and beligerence grew. . . . Price: \$3.50.

Other volumes released in the last year include:

(1) In the subseries called "The Technical Services," two titles . . . (a) The Transportation Corps: Movement, Training and Supply, second of three planned volumes on the Transportation Corps. . . . Price: \$4.25 . . . (b) The Medical Department: Hospitalization and Evacuation, Zone of the Interior, first of a series of seven planned volumes on the Medical Corps in WW2. . . . Price: \$4.00.

(2) In the subseries called "The China-Burma-India Theater," one volume, titled Stillwell's Command Problems, second of three planned volumes on the CBI. . . . Price: \$6.25.

(3) In the subseries called "The War Department," one volume, titled Global Logistics and Strategy 1940-1943,

fourth of a planned series of ten volumes on the War Dep't. . . . Price: \$6.25.

All volumes sold by: Sup't of Documents, Gov't Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C.

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#### **ALL FEDERAL VETERANS LAWS TO 1954 IN TWO VOLUMES:**

On the subject of books, those veterans who take Legion service work seriously can have a gold mine of information for \$4.15. . . . Reference is to two volumes available through Sup't of Documents, U.S. Gov't Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. which contain verbatim every Federal law and proclamation relating to veterans affairs from 1914 through 1954. . . . Heavy reading, but a priceless reference and education in veterans laws.

Volumes are:

(a) Federal Laws Pertaining to Veterans, 1914-1950. . . . Price: \$3.50, order by Catalog number 82/1: H. Doc. 78.

(b) Federal Laws Pertaining to Veterans, 1951-1954, Supplement II. . . . Price: 65¢, order by catalog number 83/2: H. Doc. 508.

A reading of these volumes straight through from beginning to end (no easy task) yields tremendous grasp and understanding of little understood area of public affairs. . . . Historical development of modern vets benefits from an original law to insure merchant ships while U.S. was neutral in WW1 (until Legion GI Bill made a new basic concept) is eye-opener.

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#### **SALK VACCINE FOR U.S. CITIZENS ABROAD:**

Salk vaccine is now available in increasing amounts for U.S. citizens living abroad. . . . To buy the vaccine to inoculate U.S. citizens abroad a company or a group (such as an American Legion Post or Dep't abroad) must get an export license. . . . Details appear in Current Export Bulletin #767 (of Aug. 23, 1956) of the Bureau of Foreign Commerce of the U.S. Dep't of Commerce. . . . Legionnaires abroad inquire at nearest U.S. diplomatic post. . . . If full details not available, write Bureau of Foreign Commerce, U.S. Dep't of Commerce, Washington 25, D.C.

A resolution asking for Salk vaccine for children of veterans abroad, introduced by the Dep't of Mexico, was passed at the 1956 American Legion Convention in Los Angeles.

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#### **ADVISE YOUNG MEN APPLICATIONS FOR NEXT CLASS OF COAST GUARD ACADEMY CLOSE JAN. 15, 1957:**

Legionnaires in a position to advise young men on their higher education should remind youngsters who aspire to Coast Guard careers that applications for next year's new class at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn., must be received before Jan. 15, 1957.

Appointment is by competitive examination, to be held in February among those who apply by Jan. 15. . . . New class will enter the Coast Guard Academy in late June or early July. . . . Training leads to B.S. degree and qualification as commissioned officer in U.S. Coast Guard. . . . Cadets are paid \$1,333 a year plus food allowances. . . . Applicants must be not less than 17 years old nor older than 22 on July 1 of the year appointed.

To apply, write: Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard Hq., Washington 25, D.C.



# NEWS *of The American Legion*

and Veterans' Affairs

NOVEMBER 1956

## 600,000 Vets' Survivors Face Complex Choice of Benefits

More than 600,000 widows, orphans and dependent parents of men who died as a result of military service are now being asked by the Veterans Administration to decide whether they wish (a) to continue their present survivors' benefits, or (b) to accept the different benefits provided under Public Law 881, which becomes effective on Jan. 1.

The *Veterans Newsletter* in this magazine in September previewed the situation caused by the necessity of presenting a choice of benefits to such widows, orphans and dependent parents.

Because Public Law 881, under which a new schedule of benefits is offered, is a highly complex law, requiring much time even for service officers to fully qualify themselves to give advice on all its aspects, the watchword to all survivors is: "Don't hurry, Make no choice until the best advice can be given."

Indeed, for all those survivors to whom the choice is not simple and easy, there is no reason in the world to hurry.

A choice to switch to the new benefits may be made at any time in the future, it is not necessary to choose while there is a single doubt.

If there is an advantage in switching to the new benefits, the full advantage—retroactive to next Jan. 1—will accrue to anyone who makes the choice as late as next July 1.

But if a survivor mistakenly chooses the new benefits when it is not to his advantage, and receives a payment under them, no reversal is permitted.

VA will try to protect survivors from choosing wrongly, but cannot be held responsible if it fails to stop a wrong choice before it becomes unchangeable by making a first payment.

On the following pages, the best brief advice is given for all classes of survivors, as a temporary guide until service officers are thoroughly familiar with the situation through their own study.

There are nine examples indicating the basis of choosing for many widows. In addition, information is given for minor children, children over 18, and dependent parents.

Those who should clearly switch to

the new benefits now should do so before next July 2, to get the full advantage.

The examples given here for widows provide a basis of choosing for:

(a) All widows who are drawing compensation for themselves or for themselves and minor children of a deceased serviceman, and who are not drawing *any* Servicemen's Indemnity payments, and

(b) All those widows who are drawing compensation for themselves, or for themselves and minor children, and who are also drawing the *maximum* amount of Servicemen's Indemnity—i.e.: \$92.90 per month.

*None of these examples apply if a widow is also getting compensation for a child over 18.*

Servicemen's Indemnity is the so-

called "free life insurance" which has been available to all persons in service since June 27, 1950. Many widows of men who died as a result of service since that date are receiving monthly compensation *and* Servicemen's Indemnity. If they are receiving the maximum amount of Indemnity (\$92.90 per month) in addition to compensation, they are covered in the examples below which specify in capital letters "\$92.90 INDEMNITY," starting with Example VII.

Some widows of men who died as a result of service since June 27, 1950 are not getting any indemnity. This would be true if their husbands had \$10,000 worth of National Service Life Insurance when they went into Korea-period service, and chose to keep all the life insurance on a premium-paying basis while in Korea-period service.

They, along with *all* widows of men who died as a result of service before June 27, 1950, are getting *no* indemnity, and they are covered in the examples below which specify in capital letters

### OUTSTANDING LEGION PROJECTS: Missouri



Community swimming pools, parks and ball fields have been furnished many American towns by Posts of The American Legion. Shown above is part of the outstanding layout constructed and operated by Thoman-Boothe Post 338 in Overland, Mo. Besides the pool, this 273-man Post also provides a children's wading pool, playground and baseball diamond. More than 360 youngsters play in organized ball on the diamond. Layout is on a ten-and-a-half-acre tract, acquired by Post in 1917.



"NO INDEMNITY," (Examples I to VI.)

Some widows are getting *some* indemnity, but *less* than the maximum indemnity payments of \$92.90 a month.

*They are not covered in any of the examples below, and should postpone their choice as long as necessary for a proper calculation to be made.*

*Separate calculations can be made, based upon information published by the VA. (See Newsletter, page 29.)*

To help widows who are getting *full* or *no* indemnity find themselves in the examples below, use extreme care to read everything carefully until it is fully understood.

Find the **EXAMPLE** in capital letters which correctly describes *both* the num-

ber of minor children for whom the widow is presently drawing compensation, *and* the indemnity situation which pertains to that widow.

Under the proper **EXAMPLE** there are subheads, identified by a capital A or a capital B.

Except where it makes no difference, if the widow is now drawing compensation based on *wartime* service she is under A, and if she is now drawing compensation based on *peacetime* service, she is under B.

In each case where the widow is advised to *switch now*, she would get an increase of benefits by choosing the new plan. In each case where she is advised *not to switch now*, she would get less benefits under the new plan.

An additional notation, not stated under the examples, is this: Widows who now receive indemnity, and who are advised not to switch now, will cease receiving their present indemnity ten years after they first started to draw it. At that future date they *should review the situation*. It may then be to their advantage to switch to the new benefits—and the law permits them to do this.

The same principle applies to those widows who are now receiving compensation for one or more minor children, and who are advised below not to switch now. When they cease to draw compensation for a child in the future, it may then be advisable in some cases to switch to the new benefits, and a review at that time should be made.

#### **WIDOW: EXAMPLE I NO MINOR CHILD and NO INDEMNITY**

A. *Present monthly benefit: \$87 (wartime) or \$69.60 (peacetime.)*

1. Switch now. You will get \$122 or more a month.

#### **WIDOW: EXAMPLE II ONE MINOR CHILD and NO INDEMNITY**

A. *Present monthly benefit: \$121 (wartime) or \$96.80 (peacetime.)*

1. Switch now. You will get \$122 or more a month.

#### **WIDOW: EXAMPLE III TWO MINOR CHILDREN and NO INDEMNITY**

A. *Present monthly benefit: \$150 (wartime.)*

1. If husband was an enlisted man on his last day of active duty, read the following:
  - (a). If he was in the highest enlisted pay grade, (equivalent to master sergeant or chief petty officer) and had over 22 years service on his last day of active duty, switch now.
  - (b). Do not switch now if he had any other enlisted status.
2. If husband was a warrant officer on his last day of active duty, read the following:
  - (a). If he was a W-4, switch now.
  - (b). If he was a W-3, do not switch now unless he had more than 2 years service on his last day of active duty.
  - (c). If he was a W-2, do not switch now unless he had more than 10 years service on his last day of active duty.
  - (d). If he was a W-1, do not switch now unless he had more than 14 years of service.
3. If husband was a commissioned officer on his last day of active duty, read the following:
  - (a). If he was a 2nd lieutenant or ensign, do not switch now unless he had more than 6 years service on his last day of active duty.
  - (b). If he was a 1st lieutenant or lieutenant (jg), do not switch now unless he had more than 3 years service on his last day of active duty.
  - (c). If he was a captain (Army, Air Force, Marines) or lieutenant (senior grade) or in any higher rank, switch now regardless of length of service.

B. *Present monthly benefit: \$120 (peacetime.)*

1. Switch now. You will get \$122 or more a month.

#### **WIDOW: EXAMPLE IV THREE MINOR CHILDREN and NO INDEMNITY**

A. *Present monthly benefit: \$179 (wartime.)*

1. If husband was an enlisted man or warrant officer on his last day of active duty, do not switch now.
2. If husband was a commissioned officer on his last day of active duty, read the following:
  - (a). If his rank was below that of major or lieutenant commander, do not switch now.
  - (b). If he was a major or lieutenant commander, do not switch now unless he had more than 18 years service on his last day of active duty.
  - (c). If he was a lieutenant colonel or commander, do not switch now unless he had more than 14 years service on his last day of active duty.

- (d). If he was a colonel or captain (Navy, Coast Guard), or of higher rank, switch now, regardless of length of service.

B. *Present monthly benefit: \$143.20 (peacetime.)*

1. If husband was an enlisted man on his last day of active duty, read the following:
  - (a). If he was in the highest enlisted pay grade (equivalent to master sergeant or chief petty officer), do not switch now unless he had over 10 years service on his last day of active duty.
  - (b). If he was in the second highest enlisted pay grade (equivalent to sergeant 1st class, technical sergeant, or petty officer 1st class), do not switch now unless he had over 18 years service on his last day of active duty.
  - (c). If he was in any other enlisted status, do not switch now.
2. If husband was a warrant officer on his last day of active duty, switch now unless he was a W-1 with less than 6 years service on his last day of active duty.
3. If husband was a commissioned officer on his last day of active duty, switch now unless he was a 2nd lieutenant or ensign with less than 3 years service on his last day of active duty.

#### **WIDOW: EXAMPLE V FOUR MINOR CHILDREN and NO INDEMNITY**

A. *Present monthly benefit: \$208 (wartime.)*

1. If husband was in any rank or grade lower than colonel or Navy captain on his last day of active service, do not switch now.
2. If he was a colonel or Navy captain, do not switch now unless he had more than 30 years service on his last day of active duty.
3. If his rank was brigadier general or commodore, or any higher rank, switch now regardless of length of service.

B. *Present monthly benefit: \$166.40 (peacetime.)*

1. If husband was an enlisted man on his last day of active duty, do not switch now regardless of his rating or length of service.
2. If husband was a warrant officer on his last day of active duty, read the following:
  - (a). If he was a W-1 or a W-2, do not switch now.
  - (b). If he was a W-3, do not switch now unless he had over 30 years service on that date.
  - (c). If he was a W-4, do not switch now unless he had over 14 years service on that date.
3. If husband was a commissioned officer on his last day of active duty, read the following:
  - (a). If he was a 1st or 2nd lieutenant, or an ensign, or a lieutenant (jg), do not switch now.
  - (b). If he was a captain (Army, Air Force, Marines), or a lieutenant (senior grade), do not switch now unless he had over 12 years service on that date.
  - (c). If he was a major or lieutenant commander, do not switch now unless he had more than 8 years service on that date.
  - (d). If he was a lieutenant colonel or a commander, or of any higher rank, switch now regardless of length of service.



#### WIDOW: EXAMPLE VI FIVE MINOR CHILDREN and NO INDEMNITY

##### A. Present monthly benefit: \$237 (wartime.)

1. While drawing compensation for herself and five minor children, a widow under this heading should not switch now unless on his last day of active duty her husband was a rear admiral or major general, or of higher rank, with more than 30 years service at that time.

##### B. Present monthly benefit: \$189.60 (peacetime.)

1. If husband's rank or rating was below that of lieutenant colonel or commander on his last day of active duty, do not switch now.
2. If he was a lieutenant colonel or a commander, do not switch now unless he had over 26 years service on his last day of active duty.
3. If he was a colonel or a captain (Navy, Coast Guard) do not switch now unless he had more than 16 years service on his last day of active duty.
4. If his rank was brigadier general or commodore, or a higher rank, switch now regardless of length of service.

#### WIDOW: EXAMPLE VII NO MINOR CHILD and \$92.90 INDEMNITY

##### A. Present monthly benefit: \$87 wartime compensation plus \$92.90 Indemnity — total \$179.90.

1. If husband was an enlisted man on last day of active duty, do not switch now.
2. If husband was a warrant officer, do not switch now.
3. If husband was a commissioned officer on last day of active duty, then:
  - (a). If his rank was below that of major or lieutenant commander, do not switch now.
  - (b). If he was a major or lieutenant commander, do not switch now unless he had more than 14 years service on his last day of active duty.
  - (c). If he was a lieutenant colonel or commander, or in any higher rank, switch now regardless of length of service.

##### B. Present monthly benefit: \$69.60 peacetime compensation plus \$92.90 Indemnity — total \$162.50.

1. If husband was an enlisted man on his last day of active duty, do not switch now.
2. If husband was a warrant officer, read the following:
  - (a). If he was a W-1, do not switch now.
  - (b). If he was a W-2, do not switch now unless he had over 30 years service on his last day of active duty.
  - (c). If he was a W-3, switch now only if he had over 22 years service on his last day of active duty.
  - (d). If he was a W-4 with over 12 years service, switch now.
3. If husband was a commissioned officer on his last day of active duty, read the following:
  - (a). If he was a 1st or 2nd lieutenant or ensign or lieutenant (jg), do not switch now.
  - (b). If he was a captain (Army, Air Force, Marines) or a lieutenant (senior grade), do not switch now unless he had more than 8 years service on that date.
  - (c). If he was a major or a lieutenant commander do not switch now unless he had more than 3 years service on his last day of active duty.
  - (d). If he was a lieutenant colonel or a commander, or held higher rank, switch now.

#### WIDOW: EXAMPLE VIII ONE MINOR CHILD and \$92.90 INDEMNITY

##### A. Present monthly benefit: \$121 wartime compensation, plus \$92.90 Indemnity — total \$213.90.

1. If husband was a colonel or a captain (Navy, Coast Guard), or held any lower rate or rank on his last day of active

duty, do not switch now.

2. If husband was a brigadier general or commodore, do not switch now unless he had more than 3 years service on his last day of active duty.
  3. If husband was a major general or rear admiral or of higher rank, switch now.
- ##### B. Present monthly benefit \$96.70 peacetime compensation, plus \$92.90 Indemnity — total \$189.60.
1. If husband was a major or lieutenant commander, or held any lower rank or grade on his last day of active duty, do not switch now.
  2. If husband was a lieutenant colonel or a commander, do not switch now unless he had more than 26 years service on his last day of active duty.
  3. If husband was a colonel or a captain (Navy, Coast Guard), do not switch now unless he had more than 16 years service on his last day of active duty.
  4. If husband was a brigadier general or a commodore on his last day of active duty, or of higher rank, switch now.

#### WIDOW: EXAMPLE IX 2 OR MORE MINOR CHILDREN and \$92.90 INDEMNITY

- ##### A. Widows who now draw wartime compensation for themselves and two or more minor children plus \$92.90 a month Indemnity should not switch to the new benefits now.
- ##### B. Widows who now draw peacetime compensation for themselves and two or more minor children plus \$92.90 a month Indemnity should not switch to the new benefits now except in the following case:
1. If compensation is paid for widow and two children (not three or more) and husband was a brigadier general or commodore, with more than 3 years' service, or of higher rank, switch now.

#### MINOR CHILDREN:

Compensation is paid directly to a guardian in the name of the minor children of a veteran who died as a result of war service if the mother has remarried or is deceased and hence is not receiving compensation herself.

(a) Advise guardians of such children that if no Servicemen's Indemnity is now being paid in the name of the child or children, they should switch to the new benefits now.

(b) Where from one to three minor children of a veteran are involved do not switch now if any Servicemen's Indemnity (even the minimum of \$9.29 monthly) is now being paid in the name of the child or children.

(c) Where four or five minor children are involved do not switch now if indemnity in their name of \$18.58 a month (second lowest possible amount) or more is being paid.

#### CHILDREN OVER 18:

Where the child is helpless, or where the child is continuing in school, benefits continue after age 18.

The number of different combinations of factors involved which would or would not make it advisable for benefits for such children to be placed under the new plan is so enormous that no summary can be provided here. Service officers must make separate calculations if they are asked for advice in such cases, and should study the facts of the individual case and the many qualifying provisions of the law with great care.

#### DEPENDENT PARENTS:

Service officers should advise dependent parents who are now receiving compensation to make no choice now. Dependent parents are well advised to give information regarding their status to their service officer and remain under the present benefits pending further study of how the change may affect them.

### AMONG DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS FOR 1956-57

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## Cmdr Daniel Maps Legion 1957 Aims In White House Talk With President

On Sept. 26, Nat'l Cmdr W. C. "Dan" Daniel, (Va.), called on President Eisenhower at the White House and briefed the President on major American Legion aims and attitudes of the coming year.

Cmdr Daniel told President Eisenhower that the Legion will support every effort to keep as strong a military establishment as is consistent with the nation's ability to pay, as a deterrent to aggression. He said the Legion also will support selective foreign military aid but is opposed to continued economic aid to foreign countries "which are victims of their own economic systems."

Highlighting the programs adopted by The American Legion at its recent National Convention in Los Angeles, Cmdr Daniel commended President Eisenhower for his appointment of Ben Fairless of U. S. Steel to study the entire foreign aid program. He told the President that Mr. Fairless commands "the respect and confidence of the American people and his evaluation of the foreign aid program could place this important question in a fresh and current perspective."

Cmdr Daniel said that the Legion would push legislation for an essential cost of living increase in compensation benefits paid service-connected disabled veterans.

He also emphasized to the President that the Legion again this year opposed general pensions for veterans, but would again seek passage of HR7886 to liberalize existing benefits for both aged and disabled veterans.

Cmdr Daniel also advised President Eisenhower in their conference that The American Legion during the coming year will:

1. Continue to champion the free enterprise system and support efforts to retain the proper balance between Fed-

eral, State and community governments.

2. Undertake a special non-partisan "Get Out the Vote" campaign to insure record breaking vote on Nov. 6.

3. Promote a program teaching thrift and self reliance in the nation's elementary school system.

4. Strengthen the Legion's existing "Back to God" religious emphasis program and the organization's nationwide youth projects, such as high school Oratorical Contests, Boys States, sponsorship of Boy Scout troops, and Legion Junior Baseball.

Cmdr Daniel thanked the President for his interest in these projects, particularly the Back to God movement and the annual Boys' Nation program held in Washington. He also commended President Eisenhower for his personal emphasis of the importance of moral and spiritual values.

In concluding the 35 minute White House meeting, Cmdr Daniel expressed The American Legion's high regard for the "magnificent work" being done by J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I. in exposing and opposing communist subversion in this country.

### FORTY & EIGHT:

### All's Well... etc.

Delegates to the nat'l convention of the 40&8 at Indianapolis, Sept. 29-30, officially and unanimously approved a resolution which: (a) disapproved the report of the executive committee of the Cheminots Nationaux of June 5, 1955, and (b) specifically withdrew paragraph 3 of that report.

The disapproved report had urged the 40&8 to disassociate itself with The American Legion. The withdrawn paragraph specifically accused the elected leaders of the Legion of misusing their offices, without offering any evidence.

The 40&8 convention action appears to nullify a constitutional amendment of The American Legion, passed at its 1956 Nat'l Convention in September.

The Legion amendment would end recognition of the 40&8 by the Legion if the 40&8 executive body's accusations were not retracted by this Oct. 19.

During the last year, the 1955-56 Nat'l Commander, J. Addington Wagner (Mich.), had refused to appoint a committee to discuss alleged differences with a like committee of the nat'l 40&8, so long as the charges in "paragraph 3" were not retracted. The Legion's Nat'l Executive Committee endorsed Wagner's position, and the Legion Nat'l Convention, by more than the required 2/3 majority, adopted the constitutional amendment cited above.

Immediately following the 40&8 convention action, Legion Nat'l Cmdr W. C. "Dan" Daniel appointed a Legion committee to discuss any problems with a like committee of the nat'l 40&8.

The Legion committee: R. C. Godwin, Nat'l Executive Committeeman (Miss.); Martin McKneally, New York Dep't Cmdr; Jack Langford, Georgia Dep't Adj't.

### LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:

The citation of an individual Legionnaire to life membership in his Post is a testimonial by those who know him best that he has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unpublished life memberships that have been reported to the editors. They are arranged by States.

E. H. Ellingson (1953), Post 1, Phoenix, Ariz.  
Jim Stovall and E. A. Rice (both 1956), Post 24, Blytheville, Ark.

William Gordon Lewis (1956), Post 63, Fellows, Calif.

David McCampbell (1946) and Norman M. Lyon (1948) and Warren E. Carey (1948), Post 350, Los Angeles, Calif.

Ross L. Raymond and Frank R. Southard and Guy VanDeren (all 1956), Post 401, Little Rock, Calif.

W. K. Barker (1956), Post 434, Chula Vista, Calif.

George B. Stites (1955) and Edwin G. McNichols (1956) and Horace M. Finley (1956), Post 465, Bell Gardens, Calif.

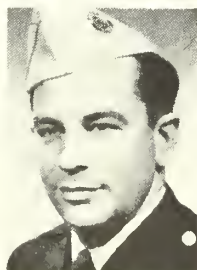
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Harry Jackson (1956), Post 6, New Britain, Conn.  
 Rose M. Heaven (1956), Post 18, Essex, Conn.  
 Frank A. Brown (1956), Post 125, Princeton, Ill.  
 Elwood J. Myers and Noble Stiholt (both 1953), Post 474, Matteson, Ill.  
 Edward J. Hilgendorf (1953) and Donald T. Morrison (1954) and Howard L. Shamburg (1954), Post 806, Chicago, Ill.  
 George H. Shanerte (1956), Post 18, Dedham, Mass.  
 Rev. John Nicol Mark and Frank M. Harwood (both 1947), Post 39, Arlington, Mass.  
 Charles H. Robbins (1956), Post 40, Plymouth, Mass.  
 Oral J. La Combe, Jr. (1953), Post 66, Negaunee, Mich.  
 Nelsen B. Bliss (1954), Post 268, Milan, Mich.  
 Clarence L. Andrews (1951), Post 291, Detroit, Mich.  
 Oliver F. Raupp (1956), Post 319, Ecorse, Mich.  
 Robert Vaughan (1956), Post 368, Morenci, Mich.  
 Arthur J. Frayne (1950) and Jack M. Zeman (1953) and Samuel Eisenberg (1954), Post 442, Detroit, Mich.  
 Otto T. Crank (1956), Post 226, Elsberry, Mo.  
 R. C. Patterson (1956), Post 115, Stuart, Nebr.  
 Walter G. Charles (1956), Post 47, Camden, N. J.  
 John E. Beyea (1956), Post 90, Bergenfield, N. J.  
 Raymond A. Schroth and Willfred H. Croasdale (both 1956), Post 93, Trenton, N. J.  
 Joseph Schlossberg (1956), Post 272, Rockaway Beach, N. Y.  
 William J. Burke (1956), Post 353, Cornwall, N. Y.  
 Clarence E. Bush (1956), Post 489, Cortland City, N. Y.  
 Demetrios J. Katsaros and Dr. Joseph L. Marmor (both 1947), Post 496, New York, N. Y.  
 Frank M. McGavis and William J. Wynne and George H. Werkley, Sr. (all 1950), Post 665, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 John Murman (1956), Post 725, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 James P. Coyle and Morris Montheim and James B. Shannon (all 1952), Post 930, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Lester Rosenbaum (1953) and Henry Mazza (1955), Post 1176, Bronx, N. Y.  
 William Lefkowitz (1954), Post 1214, New York, N. Y.  
 William K. Treumann (1956), Post 6, Grand Forks, N. Dak.  
 Ezra G. Joubert and Hugh D. McGarvey and Louis J. Kostecky and Charles Wilkie (all 1956), Post 144, Belfield, N. Dak.  
 Enos Fry (1956), Post 163, East Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Joseph M. McGrath, Sr. (1953), Post 26, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Nathaniel O. Gandy (1937) and William J. Mooney (1938) and Russell C. Baldwin (1939) and James J. Dunphy (1940), Post 153, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Edward James Davey (1956), Post 162, Sharpsville, Pa.  
 James I. Gifford (1956), Post 20, Cranston, R. I.  
 Thomas King and Robert Neil and James Feehan (all 1956), Post 35, Providence, R. I.  
 Hubert Burghart (1956), Post 60, Providence, R. I.  
 Ralph A. Anderson (1948) and E. W. Dechman, Sr. (1952) and Frank Ney (1952) and Grady Smith (1952), Post 77, Houston, Tex.  
 Henry R. Kruse (1947) and Arthur G. Lomax (1948) and William E. Cole II (1949) and Raymond H. Irby (1950), Post 1, Seattle, Wash.

Post Commanders or Adjutants are asked to report life membership awards to "Life Memberships," *The American Legion Magazine*, 720 5th Ave., New York 19, N. Y. Date of award is requested in all cases.

#### SCOUTS & THE LEGION:

### On To Cimarron

At Cimarron, New Mex., tucked up under the Colorado border, where Cimarron Creek tumbles down from Eagle Nest to the plain, is the National Philmont Boy Scout Ranch—127,000 acres of plains, canyon, mountain, and high plateau—full of wildlife.

To Scouts and Scout leaders alike a trip to the Philmont Ranch is a pinnacle of Scouting experience.

Two events connected with the big Scout ranch this summer served to highlight the interest of Legionnaires in Scouting.

The first event was the trek of 25 Ex-



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plorer Scouts in a five-vehicle caravan from the Bluegrass Council of Boy Scouts at Lexington, Ky., to the Philmont Ranch and beyond to the Grand Canyon.

Traveling on limited funds, the Explorers were guests of Legion Posts along the way. Rained out of an outdoor sleep at Vinita, Okla., Scout Executive Walter Ferrell contacted Commander Charles West, of Legion Post 40 in Vinita and in eight minutes the Legion provided lodging for the night.

The next day, Commander Bob Maxwell of Post 352, Oklahoma City, arranged a swim party, barbecue, a show, and sleeping accommodations for the travelers as well as a tour of Tinker Air Force Base.

After an 11-day stay at the Scout ranch, the group made a lengthy excursion to the Grand Canyon before turning home.

The first night out of Grand Canyon, Commander Roy Lester of Post 30, put the Scouts up at the Legion home in Springerville, Ariz. Again, in Hobbs, New Mexico, the party spent a night in the Scout House, owned by Post 26.

Scout leader Ferrell reported to Nat'l Scout Hq that: "The trip from the Scout Ranch to Grand Canyon was made possible by savings made possible by the American Legion Posts who assisted, . . . Outstanding on the whole trip was the friendly willingness of the members of the Legion."

To make matters even, some Legionnaires got to the Philmont Scout Ranch courtesy of the Scouts last summer.

Eleven outstanding rural Scout leaders were given one week scholarship visits to the Ranch.

Of the 11, three were American Legion Scout leaders. They are:

Dell D. Thomas (Post 140, Salem, S. Dak.); Merle Brookhart (Post 470, Celina, Ohio), and Joseph S. Barney (Post 55, Fairview, Utah.)

Meanwhile, latest report from The Boy Scouts of America showed 4,118 Scout units sponsored by American Legion units. Nationally, more than 24% of Posts sponsor Scout units. All five of the Posts in the Department of the Panama Canal Zone sponsor Boy Scout units, for a percentage of 100. In the larger departments, Washington, Oregon, and South Dakota lead the nation. Scout units are sponsored by 55.8%, 49.1%, and 45.3% of Posts in those Departments, respectively. Numerically, New York sponsors the greatest total of Scout units, with 1,364. Illinois is second with 1,125. Percentage of Posts sponsoring Scout units is lowest in Kentucky, Virginia, Arkansas, Puerto Rico, and Maryland.

## UNCLAIMED MONEY, IV:

### Who Owns It?

The persons named below have at least \$200 coming to them from the Army.

Most of them are former CIs or their dependents.

The Army tried to send each of them a check it owed them, to addresses at the towns listed.

The Post Office returned the checks. Are you one of the persons listed, or do you know someone who might be?

All told, the Army has more than 18,000 such checks.

We ran three different lists in earlier issues, and will run more in the future.

By Sept. 12, the Army had reissued checks totalling \$8,572.50 to 20 persons as a result of listing here.

Go over these names to see if you can spot yourself or someone you know.

If so, contact *Undeliverable Check Section, Special Claims Division, Finance Center, U. S. Army, Indianapolis 49, Indiana.*

Bergeron, Mrs. Theresa, Jacksonville Beach, Fla.  
Berry, Donald C., Standish, Maine  
Berry, Roosevelt R., Portsmouth, Ohio.  
Biglow, Roy W., Denver, Colo.  
Black, Merrill S., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Blackman, Brizell, Clio, Ala.  
Blair, Jessie L., Coldwater, Miss.  
Boahn, Marcellus, Fayetteville, N. C.  
Boone, Robert T., Woonsocket, R. I.  
Bowdry, Marcella, Grenhop, Miss.  
Boyce, Donald O., Youngstown, Ohio  
Boyd, Henry J., Birmingham, Ala.  
Brady, James J., Muncie, Ind.  
Brashear, Albert Jr., Texarkana, Tex.  
Bratton, Jake, Baltimore, Md.  
Brooks, Thomas L., Lakeview, Ga.  
Brown, Elizabeth, Louisville, Ky.  
Brown, Idahell, Fayetteville, N. C.  
Brown, Jeanette M., St. Louis, Mo.  
Brown, M. B., Jr., Indianapolis, Ind.  
Brown, Maggie L., Evansville, Ind.  
Brown, Richard V., Los Angeles, Calif.  
Brown, Ruth A., Omaha, Nebr.  
Burke, James A., Washington, D. C.  
Burro, Robert E., Camden, N. J.  
Burt, Emma B. Gray, San Francisco, Calif.  
Burt, Richard D., Akron, Ohio  
Bush, Vincent T., Wichita, Kans.

Cajical, Jose, New York, N. Y.  
Calhoun, James C., Bakersfield, Calif.  
Campbell, Harry W., Bluefield, W. Va.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

PAST NAT'L CMDR HANFORD MACNIDER (Iowa), advanced to rank of lieutenant general, AUS, on the retired list.

HOLLIS C. HULL, Past Nat'l Executive Committeeman from Dep't of Oregon, appointed Executive Assistant to Nat'l Cmdr, Daniel.

RAY C. CONLON, Past Dep't Cmdr of Michigan (1928-29) and Past Nat'l Executive Committeeman, elected to membership in National Council, Boy Scouts of America.

JACK LITTLE, for six years Chief of the Press Section, American Legion Public Relations Div., at Indianapolis, retired Sept. 15. He moves to Sebring, Fla.

CHARLES W. GEILE, former Assoc. Director of The American Legion Child Welfare Div., appointed Chief of the

Press Section, The American Legion Public Relations Div.

GEORGE J. KELLY (Va.), Director, The American Legion Public Relations Div., resigned.

PAST NAT'L VICE CMDR JAMES V. DAY (Maine), appointed Director, The American Legion Public Relations Div.

## Died:

EDWARD K. INMAN, publisher and editor of *The National Tribune - The Stars and Stripes*; suddenly, on Sept. 3.

TOM MORRIS, Past Dep't Cmdr of Tennessee (1936-37); in Nashville, Tenn.

J. JOSEPH HERBERT, Past Dep't Cmdr of Michigan (1925-26); at his home in Manistique, Mich.

BRIG. GEN. WADE H. HAYES, Past Dep't Cmdr of New York (1920). He attended the St. Louis Caucus.

WILLIAM STEITZ, Past Dep't Cmdr of Florida (1926-27); in Swannanoa, N.C.

WILLIAM RUSSELL OKE, Past Dep't Cmdr of Canada (1943-44 and 1951-52); in an auto accident.

N. P. PETERSON, Past Dept Cmdr of Washington (1947-48) and Nat'l Executive Committeeman from that Dep't (1949-53); of a heart attack, in Bremer-ton, Wash.

## MEMBERSHIP:

### '57 Leaps Ahead

Advance American Legion membership for 1957 in late Sept. was ahead of the same date last year by 12,938 — an increase of 4.6%.

Again this year there are various incentives besides love of country and enlightened self-interest to keep 1957 membership growing. They include:

(a) The Honor Ribbon, awarded to Posts whose 1957 membership reaches their 1956 total by next Dec. 31.

(b) A special certificate to all Posts that top their all-time high by Dec. 31.

(c) A special recognition card to all members who sign up 12 members by Dec. 31.

(d) The Personal Appreciation Testimonial card awarded by the Nat'l Cmdr to members who sign up 25 members for 1957.

(e) A special letter from the Nat'l Cmdr and a special certificate from Nat'l Hq to Posts whose '57 membership reaches the total of '56 by this Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

(f) A hard cash incentive to Posts. Nat'l dues increase of 25¢ per member goes into effect Dec. 1. Posts will save 25¢ per member on all '57 memberships that have cleared Nat'l Hq by then.

A membership publicity kit for Posts wishing to build their 1957 enrollment has been prepared by the National Membership and Post Activities Section. It



contains six suggested news releases, six suggested editorials, broadcasting hints, spot radio and TV announcements, and a 15-minute radio-TV script. Post publicity officers may obtain these kits on request from the Membership and Post Activities Section, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis 6, Ind.

## COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Space does not permit notices to contact persons for any purpose except to assist in establishing a claim for a veteran or his dependents. Statement to that effect should accompany notice.

Send notices to: **Comrades in Distress, The American Legion Magazine, 720 Fifth Avenue, New York 19, New York.**

### Army

**1st Engrs, Co A**—While serving with this outfit at **Washington Barracks** during the period 1912-1915 I was dragged from the blacksmith shop to the main road when the horse I was using ran away while I was changing blades on a mowing machine. The guard was hooked through my right ankle, and the small bones in my right ankle were broken. A couple of the boys helped me to the post hospital; they practically had to carry me because of the loss of blood. I was on crutches for a couple of weeks. When I was discharged I was using a cane and was weak from malaria which I contracted at **Belvoir, Va.**, when we moved in there to break ground. The first night at Belvoir we were badly bitten by chiggers (jiggers) and had all we could do to make a clearing for pup tents. In order to establish claim, I need to hear from anyone who remembers me. I may be remembered for the picture work that I did. Write me, **Fred W. D. Moyer, Box 145, Amsterdam, N.Y.**

**2nd Engr Special Brigade**—My late husband, **Col. Arthur H. (Barry) Barrett**, was director of athletics and recreation after the Leyte Campaign and may be remembered by G.I. sports enthusiasts. He was hq commandant of the 2nd Engr Special Brigade, and was aide to Gen. W. F. Heavly. In the Philippines in 1946 he became ill, and in Nov. and Dec. 1947 he was in Fort McKinley Hospital. In 1947 he wrote that he had picked up something during the war and that he had a sort of paralysis of the hips that came and went. But he had had difficulty before 1946 and 1947. He may be remembered as holding a rank other than colonel; he was a 1st Lt in 1942, and was promoted to col in 1946. Need to hear from anyone who remembers him. Write me, **Mrs. Lydia K. Barrett, Box 117, R.D. 1, Delray Beach, Fla.** Claim pending.

**3rd Div, 15th Inf, 1st Bn, Hq & Hq Co**—Need to hear from **Cpl Moroni** and **Bill Seals**, who were with me when a close one nearly got our gun position when we were dug in on the Mussolini Canal at Anzio in Jan. 1944. Also need to hear from: a **45th Div medic** named **Long**, who took the sick call to the hospital from the **American Compound in Augsburg, Germany**; from **POW's at Stalag 7B or Kommando 669B at Augsburg or Mentingen**; and from **POW's at Hinterbock wood-cutting Kommando**. I was known as "The Russki." Write me, **Paul E. Sabol, 100 Washington St., Binghamton, N.Y.** Claim pending.

**4th Div, 4th Med Bn, Co D**—In order to establish claim, need to hear from anyone who knew my late husband, **Pfc William V. Murphy**. Especially need to hear from those who served with him in Georgia in Nov.-Dec. 1943 prior to going overseas and those who know that he suffered from a heart condition. His nicknames were "Bill" and "Murph." Write me, **Mrs. William V. Murphy, 35 Hill Top St., Dorchester, Mass.**

**7th Inf Regt, Hq Co**—While serving at Vancouver Barracks, Wash., in 1938, I was thrown against a tree by a runaway mule named **Blaze** and suffered a brain injury. Need to contact **Harold M. Stacey**, **Lawrence E. Bechtel**, and any others who saw the incident. Also need to contact **Capt Max Levin**, surgeon of the **720th MP Bn** in Tokyo in 1947 or 1948. Write me, **Oliver M. McClellan, 6951 N. Curtis, Portland 17, Oreg.**

**10th Inf Regt**—While serving with this outfit at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., from June 5, 1917 to July 23, 1917, I suffered a severe injury to my left ankle. Need to hear from anyone who remembers me. Write me, **Charles Lamonda, 650 Astor St., Norristown, Pa.**

**10th Mountain Div, 85th Inf, 3rd Bn, Hq Co**—In order to establish claim, I need to hear

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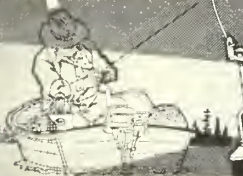
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- from anyone who served with me in Italy from Jan. through Aug. 1945. Write me, Walter D. Rock, Route 1, Hodgenville, Ky.
- 38th Field Artillery Bn, Battery B**—Need to hear from anyone who knows the whereabouts of my nephew, **Cpl Cornelius (Neil) Keirnan**, missing in action in the vicinity of Somidong, North Korea, Nov. 30, 1950. Write me, Anne E. Boyle, 4300 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 3, Ohio.
- 57th Engrs, Co B (WWI)**—In order to establish claim, need to hear from anyone who remembers the late **John R. Hannett**, known as "Pop" or "Jack." He was superintendent of docks at Nantes, and hurt his back while at work there. Write me, Mrs. John R. Hannett, Box 336, Pinckney, Mich.
- 71st CA (AA)**—In order to establish claim, I need to hear from anyone who served with me at South Post, Fort Myer, Va., or at Fort Bragg, N.C., during the period Dec. 21, 1942-Oct. 11, 1943. Also need to learn the whereabouts of **Cpl Barnhart** and **Pvt Bradshaw**. Write me, **Normand P. Michaud**, P. O. Box 313, Salt Lake City 10, Utah.
- 96th Div.**—In order to establish claim, I need to learn the whereabouts of **Dr. Kuk (Kirk)** who served with my son in WW2. Dr. Kuk is thought to have been from the State of N.Y. My son, **Robert Eugene Stell**, was at that time from Cato, Ark. Write me, Mrs. Ollie J. Jackson, Box 198, R.D. 2, Jacksonville, Ark.
- 99th Sig Bn, Co B**—Need to learn the whereabouts of **Maj Jessie W. Billings**, Supply Sgt **John J. Cacao**, and **Lt Thornton Freida**. Write me, **Merlin H. Jacobson**, Galesville, Wis.
- 131st Gen Hosp**—While serving at Camp McCain, Miss., during the period Jan. 21, 1944 to July 19, 1944, **Johnnie A. Fawcett** suffered feet and ankle injuries. Both ankles swelled, and he was unable to walk; he had to go to classes and on hikes by jeep or truck. In July 1944 he was sent to ETO, and while there slipped and hurt both ankles in Oct. 1944. Need to hear from the doctor who treated him and from anyone who served with him, especially from: **S/Sgt George E. Carney** (Jacksonville, Fla.), **J. A. Arnold** (Tampa, Fla.), and **Wilber Davis** (Lake City, Fla.). Write me, Mrs. J. A. Fawcett, Route 6, Moultrie, Ga. Claim pending.
- 170th Evac Hosp**—Need to hear from anyone who remembers that the late **Pfc William R. Walton** was awarded a Purple Heart after having received shrapnel wounds in calf of left leg in one of the following battles: Northern Apennines, Naples-Foggia, Po Valley, or Rome-Arno. Write his widow, Mrs. Lillian G. Walton, 1424 Westboro Drive SW., Atlanta, Ga.
- 199th Port Co-T/5 Armand J. Tautges** served at Sand Island, Oahu, from Oct. 1943 to Nov. 1945. In order to establish claim, need to hear from anyone who served with him, especially from those who recall that he reported to the dispensary with stomach trouble and bleeding from the rectum. Write **Carl E. Smedberg**, 262 Ledgeview Ave., Fond Du Lac, Wis.
- 216th CA (AA), Battery C**—I served with this outfit in 1942-43 and in Sicily. In 1943 I was transferred to the **103rd CA** for a few months when I was sent to England for hospitalization. Was transferred to the **1908th Ord Am Co (Avt)**, Det A, and was stationed at or near Ched-dington; **Sgt Diaz** was in charge. After Christmas 1944 I was hospitalized and was sent to a place called Friesie Farms (not certain of spelling) for a convalescent period. In order to establish claim, I need to hear from anyone who remembers me. Write me, (former Pfc) **Fred Kettner**, Hazelhurst, Wis.
- 280th Gnn Bn, Med Det**—Need to hear from anyone who served in France with my late husband, **Stanley E. Harroun**, and who remembers that he had kidney trouble. Write me, Mrs. Stanley Harroun, 4915 W. 35th Ave., Denver, Colo. Claim pending.
- 357th Inf, Med Det**—My late husband, **Pvt Stanley R. Welsh**, injured his foot on an obstacle course at Camp Berkeley, Tex., in June 1942. Need to hear from anyone who served with him or who remembers the incident. Also need to learn the whereabouts of the doctor who operated on his foot at the station hospital at Berkeley on or about June 21, 1942. Write me, Mrs. Gail Welsh, 603½ Maple St., Yank-ton, S. Dak. Claim pending.
- 366th Inf, Co L**—My late husband, **Pvt Leon E. Ray**, served with this outfit in 1943-46. He suffered a back injury in Japan in 1946. In order to establish claim, I need to hear from anyone who remembers him. Write me, Mrs. Elizabeth Ray, 1234 Washington Ave., Brad-dock, Pa.
- 806th Sig Service Co**—Need to hear from anyone who served with me or from anyone of the **20th Station Hospital on Guadalcanal** who treated my ears for infection caused by dirty water; I was also treated for a back injury at the same time. I was a switchboard operator. Write me, **Harold (Porky) Lawson**, 1124 10th St., Altoona, Pa. Claim pending.
- 1631st Engr Con Bn, Co A**—In order to establish claim, I need to learn the whereabouts of **Mickle Ronnie** and **Kenneth Froghner**, who

- served with me on Okinawa in 1945. Write me, **Howard N. Wylie**, Route 1, Mingus, Tex.
- 3855th QM Supply Co**—Need to contact **Cpl Farrell**, who served with this outfit 15 mi. from Naples, Italy, in early 1946. Anyone who knows his whereabouts write me, **Melvin S. Cain**, Apt. C-12, Cannon St., Sweetwater, Tenn. Claim pending.
- Camp Atterbury, Ind.**—My back was injured when I was in basic training at Atterbury, and in Sept. 1944 I was hospitalized there. From Oct. 1944 to Feb. 1945 I was at **Fort McClellan, Ala.** I was sent overseas and was hospitalized in England. I served in Germany and spent some time after VE Day in Liege, Belgium, with the **759th Field Artillery Bn, Battery C**. Need to hear from the following men whom I knew in Liege: **Rudolph (Va.)**, **Cpl Woods (Ark.)**, **Sgt Wathan (Ky.)**, **Oneil Pitts (Ga.)**, and **Adair (Ark.)** I served a year, 1946, at **Camp Campbell, Ky.**, with the **15th Inf, Co F**; especially recall **Tyonberry (Tenn.)** at Campbell. In order to establish claim, need to hear from anyone who remembers me. Write me, (former Pfc) **Byrd Messenger**, Box 404, Chesapeake, W. Va.
- Camp Forrest, Ga., QMC, Warehouse C 1, Clothing Personnel**—While serving with this outfit during the period June 4, 1918-Jan. 1, 1949, I was injured when a large box fell on me. I was placed in detention camp and left for a while, subject to call to base hospital at Fort Oglethorpe, later to be discharged under Cir. 77. Need to hear from anyone who remembers me, especially from: **Lts. Hinkler, Bard, and Winkler**; **Sgt T. J. Griffin**; **Cpts T. G. Tate and John S. Thompson**; **Maj Straus** (Med Corps) and **medics at the infirmary**; **Cpls Dilly, Rison (or Rice), Flimister** (an attorney from N.Y.); **Clark Baker**; **Sgts Vandergriff or Vandagriff (N.Y.)**, **Hackner**, and **Chester Wooten**; **Pvts Cagle, Clayton, and Daniel Shields**; **stenog Phil Angle** and **brother**; and **Lt E. Bailian** (who signed my discharge). Also need to hear from the following civilians who know that I was injured and confined at camp and at home: **Mrs. Ethel Crow Morgan**; **Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson**; the **George Lindsey family**; **Ruth Laricy**; **Charley Dell** and **brother**; **Pearl, Ada, and Jim Holden**; and **Richard Cherry**. Write me, (former Pfc) **Roy G. Byrd**, R.D. 2, Norman Park, Ga. Claim pending.
- Fort Bliss, Tex., AAA Training Center**—While instructing a class in the use of searchlight equipment in June 1944, I injured my back. Need to hear from anyone who remembers helping me or who saw me picked up that morning. Also need to hear from: **M/Sgt Ted Poesta**, **Sgt Foster** of school office, a capt at radar school, **Capt Hanson**, and any instructors who recall me and my back condition for 2 or 3 months. Write me, **O. O. Smith**, P.O. Box 254, Gothenburg, Nebr. Claim pending.
- Panama Canal Zone**—Need to hear from anyone who served with my late brother, **Pvt Jesse B. Frogne**, during the period 1942-44 in the Panama Canal Zone or at **Camp Anza, Calif.** Write me, Mrs. John U. Whitaker, 1007 Mansfield Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
- ## Navy
- 1st Marine Div, Demolition Squad**—On Peleliu I was struck in the eye by a Jap pistol in hand to hand combat with a Jap tank crew. I was awarded the Navy Cross for this action. The eye was patched up by a corpsman, and I went back into combat wearing a patch. Need to hear from anyone who remembers me. Especially recall: **Pfc Chick Almcock** (Detroit, Mich.), **Pfc Mars (N.H. or Conn.)**, **Pfc McCouts** or **McCots (Wis.)**. Our It was **Lt Wilson**, who was later killed on Okinawa. Write me, **Jay C. Blakely**, P. O. Box 1001, Muncie, Ind. Claim pending.
- 1st Marine Air Wing**—In order to establish claim, I need to hear from anyone who served with me in **MABS-12, MAG 12 Crash Crew**, at K-6 and K-3, Korea, in 1954 and 1955. Need to hear from anyone who remembers that I was treated for nerves and that my ribs were treated at K-3. Especially need to hear from: **Cpl Phil Argus Johnson**, **Pfc John Pruden**, **Cpl George Hurst**, **Sgt Jinks**, **Cpl Denny Dennis**. Write me, **Palmer E. Walter**, 443 S. 4th St., Richmond, Ind.
- 16th Seabees**—Need to hear from anyone who remembers my back injury in Pearl Harbor during Feb. and Mar. 1944, which sent me to the Naval Hospital. Write me, **George Bailey**, VA Hospital, Portland, Oreg. Claim pending.
- 78th Seabees**—In order to establish claim, I need to hear from anyone who served with my late husband, **BM 2c John Herbert Pemberton**, from May 1943 to Oct. 1945. Especially need to hear from anyone who knows of an injury to his right knee which occurred while he was serving aboard a PT boat when he fell between PT boat and tanker during refueling; commanding officer of PT boat may have been named **Whitney**. Write me, Mrs. Patsy P. Pemberton, Apt. 101, 1317 S. Walter Reed Drive, Arlington, Va.
- 1ST 1038**—Need to contact Pharmacist's Mate **2c Hensler** and Chief **MoMM Donald Schultz** (St. Louis, Mo.) concerning jungle rot and leg injuries I received while serving aboard this



ship in the Pacific. Also need to hear from anyone connected with the **USNAB NAV-3237 Hospital on Guam** during July and Aug. 1945. Write me, (former MoNM 2c) **Clifford W. Swanborg**, 1915 Ninth Ave., Rockford, Ill. Claim pending.

**PC 588**—Need to hear from anyone who served aboard PC 588 during the summer of 1944 while stationed in and around Guadalcanal, who knows of injuries suffered by **Sam Catalano**. Especially need to hear from **Neal Geer**. Write **George W. Wright, Jr.**, El Paso County Vets Service Officer, 607 Exchange Natl. Bank Bldg., Colorado Springs, Colo. Claim pending.

**Bremerton Navy Yard, Wash., Marine Barracks**—While serving at this station during the period Feb.-May 1920, I had ear trouble because of rifle fire near my ear. I was sent to the Naval Hospital at Bremerton for two weeks. In order to establish claim I need to hear from someone who served with me. Particularly recall **Cpl Fagaburg**. Write me, **A. Leidenfrost**, 705 E. County Road F, St. Paul 17, Minn.

**USS Eldorado**—In late 1951 I was treated for an ear condition by a corpsman who washed out my ears. I believe his name was **Rhodes**. Need to hear from him in order to establish claim. Write me, **Joseph G. Piscitelli**, 21 Monticello St., Providence, R. I.

**USS Muir**—In order to establish claim, I need to hear from anyone who recalls the accident in which my back was injured. Especially need to hear from **William Crehore**, SN 1 or QM 3, of **Elizabeth**, N. J. Write me, **Henry Cavaretta**, 653 Lafayette Road, Hampton, N. H.

**USS North Dakota (1919-20)**—Need to hear from **Lt F. J. Tenczar**, MC USN. Write me, (former CBM) **John G. Ridenour**, 60 Cedar Grove Ave., Staten Island, N. Y. Claim pending.

**USS Tacoma (PF 3, USCG)**—In order to establish claim, I need to learn the whereabouts of **Electrician 3c Daniel Lockshaw** (who lives in the Los Angeles area) and **Chief Machinist's Mate Rosen** (who lives in the Salt Lake City area). Need to hear from anyone who served with me. Write me, (former Chief Electrician's Mate) **John Dunn**, 253 Chestnut St., Clinton, Mass.

## Air

**20th Air Force, 505th Bomb Group, 484th Sqdn**—On Feb. 10, 1945, **Lt Milton Oddis Truitt, Jr.**, a copilot on a B-29 based on Tinian, was reported missing. He was later declared dead. Anyone who knows anything about him or about his death, write his father, **M. O. Truitt**, Gen. Claim Agent, Frisco RR, 203 Frisco Bldg., Springfield, Mo.

**96th Balloon Co, Balloon School, Camp John Wise, San Antonio, Tex.**—I was hospitalized Nov. 20-22, 1918. In Dec. 1918 I injured my knee on a truck while fixing roads that rain had made so muddy the 4-wheel quads could not get through and we had to use Liberty trucks. I was then hospitalized Dec. 11-13 and Dec. 16-17. I may be remembered for having gone to machine gun school and for taking troops to the machine gun range to fire. After I was injured, I did KP duty; I was on KP on Christmas 1918. In order to establish claim, I need to hear from anyone who remembers me, especially from: the doctor or orderly who treated me, **Emil C. Abel**, **Charles A. Arnett**, **Earl W. Bishop**, **Preston W. Ross**, **Lt Howell E. Whitney**, and **Lt Edward Lewis Feinstein**. Write me, **G. C. Kauffman**, Star Route, Melrose, N. Mex.

**703rd Chemical Maintenance Co**—I served with this outfit in 1943-44 at **MacDill Field**, Tampa, Fla., and at **Columbia Army Air Base**, S. C., for 17 months before being shipped to **Barksdale Field**, La. (At Barksdale the 703rd was broken up, and I was sent back to **MacDill** to join the **1862nd EAB**.) At **Columbia** I suffered a blackout at a going away party and was hospitalized for high blood pressure. I need to learn the whereabouts of the doctor who treated me. Also need to hear from anyone who remembers me, especially from: **1st Lt Kitchen** (company commander); **1st Sgt Mack E. Williams** (N. J.); **Sgts Herman A. Hopkin** (Mich.), **Robert D. Jones**, **Ira W. Rivers**, **Conwell Jones**, **Albert E. Sisco**, **Ernest L. West**; **Willie O. Currie**. Write me, (former Pfc) **Howard Daniels**, Box 105, R.D. 1, Silver Creek, Miss. Claim pending.

**Seymour Johnson Field, Goldsboro, N.C., Airplane Mechanics School**—In late Nov. 1942 a large number of men on the six to midnight shift were returning from school to the barracks when I ran head on into another man. I was thrown down hard on my back and landed on the stony shoulder of the road. The man I ran into wanted to fight; others prevented this. Because of my dazed condition and numbness in legs, I was helped to barracks. Early next morning I became very sick—extreme pain in lower back and legs plus heavy vomiting. I was rushed from barracks to base hospital. Need to hear from anyone who served with me or who remembers any of these happenings. Before being sent to **Seymour Johnson**, I was in **Co L** at **Fort Devens, Mass.**, and at the **Hotel Traymore, Atlantic City, N. J.** Write me, **Elliott L. Somerville**, 47 Harrison St., Newton Highlands 61, Mass. Claim pending.

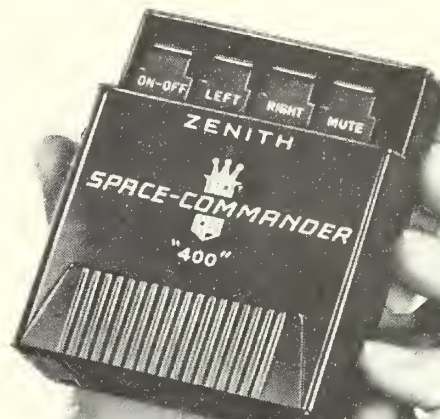
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### All Services

Congressional Medal of Honor Society (all holders of the Congressional Medal of Honor invited)—(Nov.) Richard W. O'Neill, 36 W. 44th St., New York, N.Y.

### Army

1st & 101st Sig Bn—(Nov.) Evert L. Stohlberg, 79 Baldwin St., Glen Ridge, N.J.  
13th, 59th, & 245th CA, N.Y.N.G.—(Nov.) Mike Minichino, 28 Lawrence St., Brooklyn 1, N.Y.  
118th Inf, Co E (WW1)—(Nov.) Witt S. Fore, Box 178, Union, S.C.  
121st & 126th FA, & 632nd TD—(Nov.) Donald Turriff, 803 Fourth, West De Pere, Wis.  
139th Inf, Co L (WW1)—(Nov.) Elmer M. Holt, 619 North A St., Wellington, Kans.  
158th Field Hosp (WW1)—(Nov.) G. Conrad Baker, 1937 Park Ave., San Jose 26, Calif.  
161st Inf (WW1)—(Nov.) Wally Sproul, 201 City Hall, Spokane 1, Wash.  
302nd Tan' Bn, Co A (WW1)—(Nov.) Wm. H. Kammert, 8128 St. Lawrence Ave., Chicago 19, Ill.  
314th Engrs (WW1)—(Nov.) C. A. Koenig, 8936 Laclede Station Road, St. Louis 23, Mo.  
322nd Field Sig Bn (Northern Calif.)—(Nov.) Julius Merkelbach, 505 O'Farrell St., San Francisco, Calif.  
322nd Field Sig Bn (Southern Calif.)—(Nov.) Dave Levenson, 542 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, Calif.  
356th Inf—(Nov.) Inghram D. Hook, 1205 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.  
839th Ord Depot Co—(Nov.) Jack R. Zaltsberg, R.D. 1, Winchester, Ind.  
1302nd Engr Regt, Co B (WW2)—(Nov.) Emil J. Hoenge, Jr., 1007½ Asbury Ave., Asbury Park, N.J.  
Evac Hosp No. 37—(Nov.) Max A. Goldstein, 120 S. LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill.  
Transportation Corps, AEF—(Nov.) John J. Rudolph, 3176 Merriell Ave., Camden, N.J.

### Navy

USS Leedstown Survivors Assn—(Nov.) Frank A. Wiseman, 126 W. 82nd St., New York, N.Y.

### THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

AUGUST 31, 1956

#### ASSETS

Cash on hand and on deposit	\$ 338,679.73
Receivables	238,314.85
Inventories	513,616.48
Invested Funds	859,780.60
Trust Funds:	
Overseas Graves Decoration	
Trust Fund	\$ 257,455.84
Employees Retirement	
Trust Fund	2,082,610.64
Real Estate	978,243.65
Furniture and Fixtures,	
less Depreciation	209,549.20
Deferred Charges	95,773.41
	<u>\$5,574,024.40</u>

#### LIABILITIES, DEFERRED REVENUE AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities	\$ 377,467.07
Funds restricted as to use	44,955.97
Deferred Income	836,985.86
Trust Funds:	
Overseas Graves Decoration	
Trust Fund	\$ 257,455.84
Employees Retirement	
Trust Fund	2,082,610.64
Net Worth:	
Reserve Fund	\$ 23,852.30
Restricted Fund	19,036.80
Real Estate	978,243.65
Reserve for Washington	
Building	18,529.37
Reserve for Rehabilitation	371,821.61
Reserve for Child Welfare	8,143.17
	<u>\$1,419,626.90</u>
Unrestricted Capital	554,922.12
	<u>\$1,974,549.02</u>
	<u>\$5,574,024.40</u>

# Products Parade

A sampling of items which are in process of development or are coming on the market. Mention of products in no way constitutes an endorsement of them, since in most cases they are described as represented by manufacturers.



**What is it?** Electric Air Age Spotter.

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**What is it?** Dual Field Mirror.

**What does it do?** Gives motorists a rear-view mirror with two fields of vision, eliminating blind spots.

**How much?** \$5.95.

**Where available?** Safety Mfg. Co., 2011 Truman Rd., Kansas City, Mo.



**What is it?** Drain-Blo.

**What does it do?** Opens up clogged sinks by means of a powerful surge of water (60 pounds hydraulic line pressure) delivered by a pump through a tapered rubber nozzle.

**How much?** \$3.98 postpaid.

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**What does it do?** Simplifies the locating and replacing of burned-out fuse. When this fuse burns out it glows, and a new fuse goes into action by turning a switch. Each fuse has six lives. Available in 15, 25 and 30 amps.

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**What is it?** Joint-R-Disc.

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**How much?** \$4.00 for 8-inch size, \$5.50 for 10-inch.

**Where available?** M. D. Lee Tool Co., P. O. Box 22, Irondequoit Br., Rochester 17, N. Y.



**What is it?** Mirro-Mag.

**What does it do?** Provides a simple way to inspect the bore of firearms.

**How much?** \$1.95 postpaid.

**Where available?** Ullman Products Corp., 15 River St., Norwalk, Conn.



## MEET THE NEW COMMANDER

(Continued from page 13)

cially when a wife and eight children must be supported. As a matter of fact, conditions became so bad during the Depression that sometimes there was barely enough food for the ten Daniels. To help alleviate matters Dan left home in 1932 to join the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Of course Dan Daniel was not the only one who knew hardship at that time. However, his reaction to his experience is interesting. Many others who had an easier time than he did came to the conclusion that our economic and political system had failed and ought to be overthrown. These people threw in their lot with communists, socialists and others of that ilk. Dan Daniel, getting a taste of the welfare state in two years at CCC camps, decided that this sort of thing was not for him or for any American on a continuing basis.

"The best you can say for that kind of existence," he said, "is that it keeps a person from temporarily going hungry. Our aim in this country should not be to work for the kind of security provided by Big Government in such things as CCC camps. Rather, we should strengthen our free enterprise system so we can make our own way, unhampered, without being carried along and directed by an army of bureaucrats who, while running our lives for us, make an excellent living for themselves, using our tax money to do so."

Anxious to be on his own, he got his chance through baseball. Ever since he had been big enough to shy a stone Dan wanted to be a big leaguer, and he practiced pitching every chance he got. After two years of CCC camps his opportunity came when he received an offer to pitch for a team in Fredericksburg, Va. Actually, what he got was the offer of a position with a business concern in that town, but everyone knew that the job was really to pitch for the local team.

Dan was pretty good too. Probably the high spot of his career came when he hit two home runs in the same game off Walter Johnson. "The Big Train" was out of organized baseball at that time, but that sort of playing gave Dan ideas of a big future in the game. But after a couple of years as a semipro his baseball career came to an end in 1936 when the doctors told Dan he had tuberculosis. At first Dan tried to ignore the trouble, but it grew worse and eventually surgery was necessary, making a lung inactive. Then there was a long period of convalescence. Altogether, Dan was incapacitated for two and a half years.

Baseball was of course out. Still, there



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*From where I sit, there was no harm done that time, but jumping to conclusions can be pretty embarrassing. In fact, it's sometimes downright mean and intolerant—like the way some folks jump to the conclusion a man's "wrong" to prefer a glass of beer over some other beverage. Lack of facts coupled with lack of judgment introduces trouble.*

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were some compensations. He had time to think and plan, and toward the end of his convalescence at Blue Ridge Sanatorium he found someone to include in his plans. This was his nurse, Ruby McGregor, who had once been a patient at the sanatorium. When he finally left the place on July 4, 1939, he got a job and married.

The job he got wasn't easy by any standards—carrying bolts of cloth up a ladder at the huge Dan River Mills in Danville—and it wasn't the sort of job for a man who had been flat on his back for months. But even though his first day at the mill almost killed him he returned the next day, and the next. Two weeks later he drew his first paycheck, and he got married that night. Most of the check went for a ring, which had two tiny diamonds. By the time of the ceremony he had seven dollars, and after paying the minister he had two dollars left to start married life.

Their baby was born July 15, 1940. It was a boy and Dan named him Jimmie Foxx Daniel, after the famed first baseman with the double x in his name. Jimmie took enough after his namesake and his father to become a pitcher in the Danville Babe Ruth League, but there'll be no professional baseball for him. He plans to be a forester and spent the recent summer in Washington State in a woodman's job.

At the time Jimmie was born Dan was working at the dye vats in the Dan River Mills, but in a few months he was transferred to a clerical job. Next he was placed in charge of a stock room, then he was promoted to supervisor of dyeing and finishing, and finally he was picked for personnel work by Walter Vincent, a company official who, as Dan puts it, "did most for me in those days." Starting as an interviewer, Dan was placed in charge of records, and eventually was named employment manager of the company. At that time this mammoth factory, the world's largest single unit textile plant, had 13,000 employees. Today it has 16,000 and Dan's title is personnel executive.

Most men with a job of that caliber, and with a family, would have settled back to take it easy. However, Dan Daniel is not like most people. He was troubled by his lack of formal schooling, and he spent much of his spare time trying to make up for it. To get his high school diploma he attended an adult evening school and was graduated as valedictorian of a large class. For the past two years he has been taking courses at Averett College in Danville as time would permit.

All his energy was not employed for self-improvement, though, for he became active as a member or officer of

many service and community organizations. These have included Kiwanis, Salvation Army, Danville Tuberculosis Association, Elks, Dan River Civic Club, Exchange Club, Virginia Hospital Council, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, and the Crippled Children's Society.

At the time the United States got into war, Dan was definitely draftproof. The big mills were engaged in vital war work and Dan was in an essential job there. He had a wife and child. Most important of all, he had a lung condition which ruled him out completely. Even so, Dan wanted in. Five times he tried to volunteer and five times he was turned down cold. Finally, he went to Roanoke, where he wasn't known.

"I was lucky when they got around to examining me," Dan smiled. "That was when they were taking anybody who was warm and breathing, and I looked healthy; so they didn't do too much probing."

Soon he was on his way to the Great Lakes Training Center, as a goby-to-be. For a while all went well, then he was selected for amphibious training. The constant fire drills caused him to lose more than 50 pounds in six weeks. He was examined and when the reason was found he was sent home.

Even though there was no reason for him to enlist, and many reasons why he shouldn't have gone in service, his limited service troubled him. A year or so ago in an interview he was asked why he wanted to become National Commander of The American Legion. His reply is interesting in showing what drives Dan Daniel to serve:

"I would remind you, sir," he said, "that by comparison my term of military service was short, and because I didn't make the degree of sacrifice that was made by so many of my fellow citizens I feel the added obligation to my fellow man. Naturally, anyone would derive a deep sense of personal satisfaction from making a constructive contribution to the welfare of veterans and our country. With my interest in and desire to do this, I am grateful for the opportunity. This you may consider a selfish motive. More important, my fellow Legionnaires, in passing this mantle of leadership to me, presented me with a challenge and provided me with a grand opportunity to serve mankind. How could anyone shirk such a responsibility when the opportunity was offered?"

In the course of that interview Dan Daniel made another remark which is worth quoting since it summarizes an extremely strong conviction of Dan's:

"I feel very strongly that the future of America is tied closely to the future of The American Legion. I am inter-



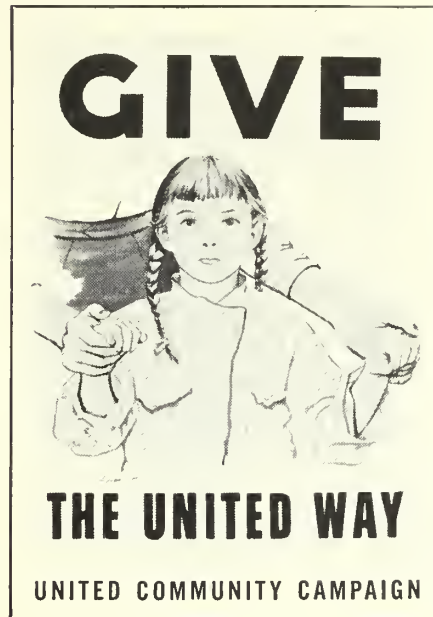
ested in the preservation of our way of life and firmly believe that The American Legion will play a vital role to that end."

During the past three years while campaigning for the job he now holds, Dan Daniel traveled almost 150,000 miles and addressed countless American Legion Posts in 46 States. Those who have heard him know how he feels about the importance of maintaining the traditional American way of life. Speaking to him since his election you soon sense that he looks upon his election not as a personal triumph but as an opportunity to serve his country and to fulfill his obligation to men who, as he puts it, made a greater degree of sacrifice than he did.

Certainly Dan wasted no time trying to fulfill this obligation. He joined The American Legion as soon as he was eligible and was named Post Adjutant at the first meeting he attended. Back of this move was Dan's boss at the mill who had been Adjutant. However, the boss had been given some extra work at the mill; so he talked the Post Commander into accepting his resignation and appointing Dan to take over his duties as Adjutant.

From this job, which he held for two years, Dan moved higher and higher, and it might be added that he did so by working harder and harder at

Legion matters. His fellow Legionnaires of H. C. McGinn Post 97 found his work so satisfactory that they had him serve as Sergeant at Arms, Vice



Commander and Commander. To keep him further occupied he was named Finance Officer, Service Officer, and Judge Advocate. Moving up the scale he was elected Vice Commander and then Commander of his District. In

1951-52 he was elected Commander of his Department, and the following year he was elected National Vice Commander, serving with Commander Gough. Commander Connell appointed him Chairman of the National Economic Commission, and Commander Collins chose him to head his Public Relations Commission.

From the record it is apparent that Dan Daniel never looked upon any of these jobs as "honorary." In every last one of them he worked and worked diligently. For example, his efforts as Virginia Department Commander revitalized Legion programs so effectively that a downward trend in membership halted for the first time since 1946, and at the end of his term the Department treasury showed a surplus. As head of the Public Relations Commission he willingly pitched in to take Commander Collins' place when the serious illness of Mrs. Collins forced the Commander to forego some of his itinerary.

Incidentally, the company that employs Dan Daniel, and particularly Basil D. Browder, Executive Vice President, deserves a large share of credit for what the new National Commander has been able to do for The American Legion. Thanks to an enlightened concept of community relations, the Dan River Mills permits any official to take time off to work on projects that benefit the

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community and the Nation. This has allowed Dan Daniel, who is by no means a wealthy man, to give all the time necessary for his Legion work at all levels. As further indication of the friendliness of this huge textile concern, Post 97 not long ago moved into a new home donated by Dan River Mills.

The relations have obviously been mutually beneficial. Approximately a fourth of the company's work force of 16,000 are veterans. As the man responsible for the selection, training, placement, and promotion of employees, Dan Daniel is in a position where he can help veterans while helping the Dan River Mills. Indicating that he does his job well, Dan River Mills won the coveted World War II employment flag of the U. S. Department of Labor.

What can Legionnaires expect of their newly elected National Commander? The answer to this question can be found not only in what Dan Daniel has written and said, but in his background, as sketched in this brief biography.

Knowing the problems that face a person who has to start life anew after having been bedridden in hospitals for a long time, the National Commander may logically be expected to give top priority to the Legion's Rehabilitation program. Understanding what it is like when children have to undergo hardships, he can be counted on to implement Child Welfare.

The organization's Americanism program will certainly not be neglected, and the new Commander sees more than communism menacing our national security. Another great danger at the moment, he maintains, is Big Government, which is steadily encroaching on our individual liberties in various ways. He indicates that he will have plenty to say on this subject during his term. However, he is well aware that there are external dangers which cannot be ignored.

In this field, he holds the success of the new Soviet foreign policy is seriously jeopardizing all that has been accomplished in recent years in alerting Americans to the danger of communism. The drive now, he points out, is

to make further agreements and treaties with the red rulers even when the record shows that to date they have broken 50 of the 52 treaties we have signed with them.

However, it is equally obvious that the new National Commander will not assume the role of a prophet of doom. While he is realist enough to recognize the menace of world communism and domestic collectivists who are trying to subvert the United States, he has faith in the common sense of the American people and knows that they can withstand enemies and traitors. He has faith, too, in God, a faith instilled by a fine, sturdy Methodist mother. Working "for God and Country," the National Commander will be guided by the principle of trusting in God and keeping our powder dry.

"Certainly," he declared, "every true American realizes that our entire freedom is based upon spiritual foundations. All through the warp and woof of the beautiful governmental fabric woven by our forefathers is a realization that the security of this or any other nation is not based upon man alone. Our security was and is based upon a trust in God and in the individual responsibility of free men to God and to their fellow citizens. History teaches us that nations often miss their way and fail to fulfill their destiny. When that happens it has not been due to chance nor to failure to progress with the times. It has been due, and it will always be due, to failure to abide by the wisdom that comes from faith in God. George Washington realized that when he said to the Constitutional Convention, "There can be no government without morality; there can be no morality without religion; there can be no religion without God."

There will be some who will scoff at these words as old-fashioned and out-of-date, the sort of thing you'd expect from someone who was born in a log cabin and raised without the advantages of a formal education and many degrees to show for it.

But let it be remembered that America became great through the efforts of men who rose from humble beginnings, guided by faith in God and love of country.

THE END

## THEY CATCH FISHERMEN

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in one of which was concealed some minced earthworm. The fish were watched for an hour, their reactions recorded. The wad without worms was passed by and did not excite any noticeable reaction. The wad containing the worms was seized and tugged at eleven times in an hour, notwithstanding the fact that from time to time this and the other wad were interchanged in posi-

tion. Not only did the fish thus openly seize the worm-wad, but when in its neighborhood they would often turn sharply as though seeking something without success, a form of reaction seldom observed near the wormless wad. The other sets, of five normal fishes each, were tested with similar results. It was clear that the fish sensed the difference between the wad of cloth with



worms and the one without worms.

"Four dogfish which had eaten readily when in normal condition were removed from the pool, their nostrils stuffed with cotton wool; in two the cotton was covered with vaseline. Twenty-four hours later three crabs were placed, an hour apart, in the pool, which now contained, in addition, four normal fish. All were found by the fish without cotton in the nostrils. At no time did any of the individuals with the nostrils filled show the slightest interest in the crabs, although they often swam within a few inches of them. Moreover, these fish made no attempt to follow those which had secured one of the crabs, although the food was occasionally dropped. It was often observed that two dogfish, one normal and the other with the nostrils filled, would be swimming along the wall side by side when they approached the vicinity of the crab; the normal fish would then make the usual sudden turn to search for food, while the individual with the cotton continued on its way with no change in the lazy swimming movement."

Research workers concluded that the fish they tested "use the olfactory organs to scent food much as land animals do; these organs are true organs of smell, i.e., distance receptors for the chemical sense."

Using scientific information of this sort several companies have gone into the manufacture and sale of odorants to attract fish—and fishermen. Magazines, radio, and TV have been carrying the smell ads, "Getzem—Lure Fish by smell. Concentrated odors fish love. Indicate odor: trout, catfish, carp, other fresh water or salt water species. Results guaranteed." This one came from the Norkin Laboratories, Kansas City, Mo.

Maybe there is something fishy about this business. But if fish don't smell something in this "catch 'em by the nose" theory, fishermen do. New companies are constantly forming: Cotton's Catfish Cocktail, Beauty-Bait, Fish Lure. And the old ones are still doing business at the same stand. The science of smell is being exploited for all it is worth.

Success in this baffling business of bringing fishermen to buy isn't always assured through scientific experimentation. Many seasoned line dunkers feel that Charlie Staph, of Prescott, Wis., gave the fraternity its most effective lure, and Charlie was a fishing guide who wouldn't know a scientific theory if it bit him. Using the simple idea that fish like moving, shining objects—discovered one day when he saw a minnow's belly—he quickly wrapped a piece of silver foil around a hook, caught fish, and then finger-weary weeks later came up with the original spinner. His

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spinner had so many fishermen darting after it, that he then devised other tempting items like the fluff dry fly, weedless spinners, spinner flies, spinner wiggle worms.

Fishermen are sometimes skillfully landed with objects other than lures. Robert A. Main, owner of the Pacific Tool Company of Paramus, N. J., thought it downright silly that people made such a fuss over getting a hook out of a fish's mouth simply because the creatures were slippery and hard to handle; so he whipped out a little job called the "Fisherman's Clamp"—a couple of pieces of board with stainless pins—that holds the fish without wiggle. It's going quite nicely, thank you. John Boyd, Forest Hills, N. Y., got a little more complicated about this business of removing a hook from a fish's mouth. The problem, as one of his friends put it, was a double-barreled one: "How to unhook fish but hook fishermen." He designed a little gadget called "The Hook-Easer," and promptly forgot about it because he foresaw the big job ahead in putting it across.

It took a couple of years to work out how to make it of forged stainless steel, get it patented and trade-mark registered. Then, after a considerable outlay of cash for dies, it came to pass that the Hook-Easer was too heavy to be practical; but just as he decided to give it up as a total loss the patent and trade-mark came through and gave him his second wind. He redesigned it, made it out of a straight piece of light steel looking something like a can opener. It works by sliding the crook of the tool down the fishing line to the hook. Then with a flip of the wrist it takes the embedded hook out by leverage. But even though experts have called it the best thing of its kind on the market, Boyd has yet to work out all the various promotional and advertising details to bring the necessary large numbers of fishermen to net. It seems fishermen are more interested in hooking than unhooking fish.

Keeping worms caused Joyce Wood, of Salem, Oreg., no end of trouble and finally put her in this fascinating business of fishing for fishermen. Last July, deciding that worms never seemed to be around when she wanted them, she started her own worm-bed to supply herself and dentist husband with enough bait. Apparently the worms decided that they liked the Wood location, for they soon multiplied into about 20,000 assorted night crawlers, red wigglers, and angleworms. The Woods fished like crazy but couldn't keep ahead of the homemade bait factory. It seemed to be the worm's turn.

But Joyce Wood wasn't one to give in to a worm. She advertised and sold a large number of the squirmers to fish-

ermen who were grateful for the service. But soon she tired of getting up at all hours to supply bait for early bird fishermen who didn't dig their own worms. Then the idea: Why not put the worms in cans and sell them through a vending machine? Her husband thought she had something and they had a vending company whip out a sample. She placed it near a fishing hot spot, charged 75 cents for 50 night crawlers and 24 red wigglers, and was kept busy keeping the machine filled. Now she's really in business and is working with a vending machine manufacturing company in designing coin machines that will be easier to move.

But the really big money in this angling for anglers seems to be in the fish-getters that fishermen can't catch, dig from the earth, or make for themselves.

One of these novelties is called Shur Hook. It is built with nickle tongs beside the hook. They work with a spring action and clamp onto a fish when he strikes.

The inventor, Ralph W. Van Arkel, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, doesn't recommend this business of tempting the tacklemen to anyone who wants to get rich quick. He brought a partner, Ralph B. Kempenaar in, and they obtained a patent on Shur Hook in 1949, and then tried to get several companies to submit bids on making parts with the idea of assembling and packaging it themselves. But the cost of setting up a machine to punch out the hook was too high. Van Arkel had to go back to the workbench and make changes in design that would simplify manufacture.

A manufacturer's agent agreed to take on Shur Hook for merchandising on a percentage basis. He worked a full year without success. In the meantime Van Arkel and Kempenaar had scraped the bottom of their financial barrel, but made one final try to obtain salesmen for Shur Hook by spending their last few dollars on ads in several fishermen's magazines. This met with mild success and encouraged them to try mail order. Fishermen who bought their unique hook came back for more and the word of mouth campaign started the ball rolling. Finally the partners got an advertising agency interested and Shur Hook was on its way.

An advertising agency almost put Lou Eppinger, of Detroit, originator of the fabulously successful Dardevle out of business. Back in the summer of 1897 he was fishing in Canada and not having much luck when he saw an old tablespoon shimmering in the water. He fished it out, hammered it into the shape of a lure, worked a hook on it, and immediately started catching bass and great northern. Realizing that he had a good thing after he had experi-



mented with different color combinations, he named his lure the Dardevle (purposely misspelled for copyright reasons). But he couldn't get enough money together to manufacture it in quantity until 1915. Then it took another ten years of hard plugging for the public to recognize its worth. He hired an ad agency to help put it across and they spent over \$27,000 the first year while sales were under \$25,000. But today the Dardevle is one of the leading enticers of fishermen and fish.

Fred Arbogast, of Akron, Ohio, saw



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a need and fulfilled it. Fishermen once had to induce action in surface baits by manipulating the rod. Fred whittled a lure whose shape gave it an intriguing action. He called it the Jitterbug. On a dare, even though he knew he would have a manufacturing problem making large quantities out of wood because of the danger of splintering, he put the Jitterbug on the market in 1939 without benefit of advertising. He figured that if he sold 10,000, it would be a good indication that fishermen wanted his product. Before he had the 10,000 dipped and assembled, he had orders for 50,000. Once fishermen saw the Jitterbug in action, they were hooked. The next year he converted to plastic, and his Jitterbug has been one of the alltime best selling lures.

Mike Hritz, of Cleveland, Ohio, also thought plastic could be adapted for fishing lures. Owner of a company that made decorative aluminum forms to hang on the walls of home or office, Hritz went into a huddle with plastics experts of the B. F. Goodrich Co. Hritz originated molds, got his plastic from Goodrich, called his kit "Mak-Ur-Bait." It contains enough colored liquid plastic



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But no matter how successful anyone has become in this fascinating business of fishing for fishermen, they are all hoping one day to reach the top the way Charles Helin, acknowledged "King of the Lure Makers" has.

Helin worked for over 16 years as a production man for several of the automobile manufacturers around Detroit, and spent most of his spare time fishing. One day he and his friend Guy Fillmore went after bass at nearby Wing Lake; casting artificial minnows, they could see the big bass rising to the surface feeding all over the lake. But none of the big busters would touch the fake fish Helin and Fillmore were using. Helin got mad.

"Guy, do you know those darn bass will be feeding all night? And we can't touch 'em! If we had a lure that would swim slowly past them with enough action built right in so they couldn't definitely tell it was a fake until after they struck, we'd stay here all week catching fish."

Helin didn't drop the problem. For weeks he worried it like a hound dog

with a soup bone until he came up with the solution. He carved a lure out of wood in such a way that it had a peculiar crawling, wounded action when retrieved at slow speed. He hung it with small hooks which, because of narrow gauge of wire and narrow barb, afforded easier and faster penetration, even though the angler was slow on the reflexes. He offset these treble hooks on the body of the wooden lure, immediately caught fish, and knew that he had something worthwhile. He called it the Flatfish and had it patented, but continued to work on it at night after hours at the factory. He wanted it perfect in every detail.

Early in May 1937 he quit his job at the Chrysler Corp. in Detroit and went into business for himself. The first few months his Flatfish sold well, but that winter was a rough one. In five months he took in a total of \$220. But he stuck to it, changed from wood to varicolored plastic, invented a machine to cut every plug exactly the same, and today his Flatfish is the world's largest selling plug. More than 17 million have been sold. It is not unusual for Helin to sell 5,610 Flatfish in one day, or 1,756,078 in an average year. He has shipped as many as 100,000 in 24 hours. At \$1.50 a Flatfish, it looks like Helin is the undisputed champ in this business of catching fishermen. THE END

## "Sound off!"

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two years, and as Service Officer of our Post assisting Americans to find homes in Guadalajara, I can truthfully state that a minimum of \$150 assured income is the least one needs. The statement that places can be rented for \$8.00 U.S. a month is false, unless one wishes to live like a peon. Persons planning to come to Mexico for six months or longer may write our Post for information.

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### UNDERSTANDING WOMEN

Sir: I want to congratulate the editors of *The American Legion Magazine* for a fine article in their September 1956 issue on "How to Understand a Woman." I hope that every male member of our organization read it. If not, they should refer back to it. After 37 years of marriage to one woman I finally learned what made them tick. Your article describes my wife perfectly, it also gives a good description of me. If the advice given in the article is adhered to there would be better understanding between couples and more lasting marriages. I for one will try my best to be more considerate and understanding in the future.

**Arthur Sitas**  
San Angelo, Tex.

Sir: Of all the hogwash I have ever seen in any magazine "How to Understand a Woman" in your September issue takes the cake. Men flatter women unashamedly; so it is little wonder few women like the truth, which is told them seldom, save in the unguarded word of anger by some unlucky "beast." What women need more than anything else in our world is to be treated like any other human beings.

**Francis Ansbro**  
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Sir: "How to Understand a Woman" should be required reading for every male. It's the best and most accurate article in feminine psychology I've ever read. If a man made even half as much effort to understand and please his wife as she does him, the divorce rate would take a nosedive.

**Mrs. William Young**  
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## CALCULATED RISK

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Separate companies, by different routes, were to meet in that glade by a certain time. I knew the assembly area by map and road. That evening I had no special reason to choose for observing that exercise among all those going on except that an earnest reserve lieutenant colonel asked me to do so.

When near the glade, I recognized it for another reason, which, I later found, the lieutenant colonel and his men did not know. They had never noted nor read what was on the moss-dimmed monument at the lower end. I had read the monument on some earlier casual ride.

The glade contained barely half the area of a New England village square. It sloped gently up to remaining earthworks that once were one small but critical part of the months-long-maintained line where Robert E. Lee fought off the slowly tightening forces under Grant in 1864-65.

I rode into the glade in the deepening dusk and the silver of a near-full rising moon a while before arrival of the assembling companies. Near the monument I dismounted, let my fingers trace the dim inscription of the heroism, sacrifice, and tragedy which had been enacted in that glade on a June day 77 years before.

My orderly was a trim young regular, the son of an immigrant Czech coal miner. Two years later I was to aid Sergeant Andrew Bielek to get to O.C.S. and win his bars—and he was to die, leading his platoon in the Battle of the Bulge. His picture hangs now above my study desk, and it will remain there as long as I live.

But that April night in 1941 while we waited Bielek read, and I was reminded of the story that monument told.

Bielek broke off.

"The battalion's coming, sir," he cautioned.

By their several routes the companies were moving into the glade from the shadows of the surrounding trees. The lieutenant colonel, with his adjutant and sergeant major, joined us at the monument. He was still right prideful and, I concluded, with fair reason.

"I'd like you to say something to the men, General," he suggested.

It was a usual invitation, usually accepted.

The companies wound into the open. Quiet commands sounded—"Halt!" "At ease!" "Rest!" The rustle of men loosening in ranks, sitting down—"Smoke if you want"—the soft whisper of talk and the flare of matches and lighters there in the moonlight.

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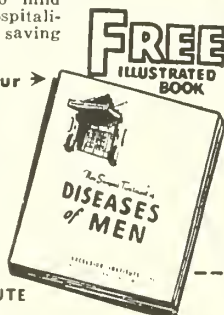
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soldiering. It doesn't seem real to them, what we are trying . . . I wonder what we *can* do . . ." his voice trailed off.

He had been a boy corporal in the Rainbow Division 23 years before, and he knew what proper soldier-edge should be.

"Ready, sir?" he asked.

For a moment I pondered what to say to those thousand men, the 1,000 of the 20-odd-thousand in Camp Lee that April night. Shush? Shush? Have confidence in our leaders to save us from ever being sent overseas? Nice movement? Proud of you? Goodnight?

That would fit with what then plainly was Washington policy.

A hot flush of anger rose in me. These were *men* and American soldiers. They deserved what I utterly believed was the truth. They were on ground hallowed by such gallantry as should put them tingling with pride that they, too, were of that tradition. Suddenly I felt that there around us, watching, listening, waiting, were those other American soldiers in blue or gray who had fought and died there for what they deemed the right, those years before.

I just couldn't let them down.

We'd begin here, this night in this glade, truth-telling that would be extended to every man and officer in Lee, in that first class and those to come—so long as Washington let us be.

The lieutenant colonel called for attention; I told the men to stay seated and to keep on smoking.

Were any there from Maine? An arm or so raised, and "Here, sir!" sounded. Were any from Virginia? Georgia? The Carolinas? More arms were raised; there were more responses.

I led quietly into the story of what

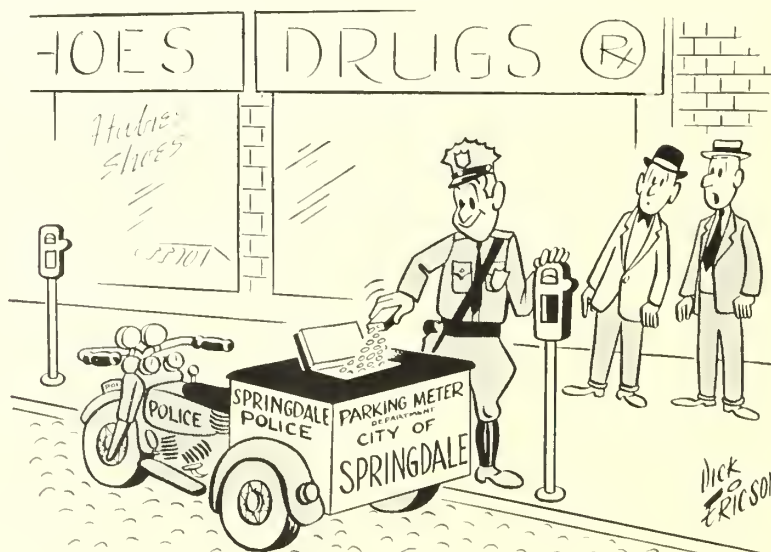
had happened in that glade 77 years before. First, I told of my recent journeys—Japan, China, India, the Continent—and what I'd seen and heard of the enlarging tempest of war. I *knew* I said, as surely as I knew anything, that we weren't going home at the end of our year of training. "We are being schooled for war," I went on, "and to do and to undergo as much as ever our sort of folk have done or undergone. At stake already is everything we have builded through a thousand years. That's why you, and you, and the colonel and I have been taken from civil life and put into uniform. We are building an army, working against time, to win victory in full-out war—a war already going on and we late for the battlefield."

Then I told of that Maine regiment, a thousand-odd men, originally heavy artillery but serving as infantry. On a hot June morning in 1864 they'd been led on a bayonet charge up that slope—in a hard, quick drive to catch the Georgians, Carolinians, Virginians off balance—to breach the Confederate lines defending Petersburg and Richmond before they could be braced for a siege.

The men from Maine drove up the slope to the very parapet, were caught in direct and enfilading fire from front and sides, fell back, re-formed, charged again. Again they fell back, re-formed, and tried for a third time, and for a third time could not quite make it.

On the old records, in hardly more than 20 minutes—maybe not 15—in that close area barely half the size of a New England village square—604 men of that Maine regiment were killed outright or fell wounded so badly they had to be moved later under a flag of truce.

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here that way," I said, "Yours and mine. That's the kind of thing we may have to do and undergo before the end. Here and now, I say I'm sure we can and will when the time comes. I've tried to tell you *why* we are here."

There was no usual polite patter of applause there in the moonlight in that glade when I stopped talking. Instead, there was a period of utter stillness and then a long deep sigh as from every one of the thousand there.

Later, we systematized our truth-telling as we saw it—battalion by battalion, company by company, officers and men alike—giving an honest, grown man's reason for our serving.

Remember that summer of 1941? In *Life* and *Time* and other magazines and some newspapers, were reports of "low morale" in training camps, shocking rates of a.w.o.l. and desertion and ve-

neral diseases, and of the "O.H.I.O. Clubs" — meaning "Over the hill in October" if the trainees were held in uniform after that one year.

Remember? At Lee none of it seemed to apply—not by the careful records we kept.

*The New York Times* sent a trained observer, a veteran of 1917-18, to tour the camps to check on the ugly reports. He went with the foreknowledge and approval of Chief of Staff Marshall. He came to Camp Lee and we let him go where and how he wanted—barracks, drillfields, messhalls, service clubs, guardhouses. He left without telling us goodbye at headquarters.

But in late September Col. H. H. Bailey of the *Times* sent us a letter. It ran:

"You may find satisfaction in the fact that on my 8000-mile tour of

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We got to be right proud of our record there at Lee—the record for our successive classes of trainees—for behavior, for revealed mood-to-serve, and for evident proud readiness. Among us, we gave most credit to the fact that there at Lee almost from the beginning we told our men the "truth as we saw it." And sometimes the truth wasn't nice to take. But they were grown men, American soldiers, and they were entitled to it.

And so, I think, are the Americans, men and women, of the middle 1950's. Now, as years ago, the truth pays off!

THE END

## FRIENDS I'VE MADE

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introduced me. "This is Mother," he said.

Most of them called me Mother after that. The minute I appeared one of the boys used to yell, "We're going up today, Mother." He was trying to make an airplane out of boxes and old wires, and he worked on it day in and day out.

Another one of the boys, a scrawny looking kid whose sleeves were usually too short, always greeted me with, "You look nice this morning, Mother."

I met this boy on the grounds one day. His own mother had come to visit him, but he didn't seem to know her. I heard her say to him in a pleading

voice, "Look at me, son, I'm your mother." He shook his head uncertainly. Just then he saw me and came over and took hold of my hand. "This is Mother," he told her.

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"and let me thank you with all my heart for taking my place while my boy is so ill." She told me that she lived in California and that she worked, and that this was the first chance she'd had to see her son since he'd been in the hospital.

It took me months to get acquainted with one of the boys in this ward. Little used to sit all day crouched in a corner. If anyone came near he'd draw back and scowl.

One morning I invited a friend to drive out to the hospital with me. Eula was young and attractive, and I thought the boys would like her. But I forgot to tell her about Little's corner, and the first thing I knew he was coming toward her with his fist doubled. She looked scared, but stood still and smiled at him. He hesitated, and slowly his fist relaxed. Then suddenly he took two more steps, hit her lightly with his open palm, and went back and sat down.

I used to leave magazines for Little within easy reach. For a long time he wouldn't have anything to do with any of them, but finally one day he reached out for one. A picture of a duck was on the cover and he tore it off and stuffed it in his pocket. The rest of the magazine he tossed away.

I must have brought him dozens of pictures of ducks after that before he found another one he liked. I'd put them down by him on the floor, and maybe he'd glance at them casually. But one of them seemed to take his eye one day, and he picked it up and put it in his pocket with the first one, which he'd kept all this time. Then he looked up and patted his pocket. From then on Little and I were quite good friends.

One of the boys in this ward, Tom, used to pace the floor, back and forth, all day long. If I wanted to talk to him I had to hurry and catch up with him, and walk with him back and forth, and back and forth.

Tom always complained about everything in the hospital—the attendants, the doctors, the food, and so forth. I was quite pleased one day when he suddenly said, "Mrs. Borah, you're the only one in the world I can trust."

But in a few weeks he had changed his mind. I noticed he wouldn't look at me that day, and when I tried to catch up with him he began walking faster. I heard him mutter something, but I couldn't understand what he said. Finally I stood still and waited until he came back. He had a wild look in his eyes, and he was muttering. All I could make out was, "And you're in on it too."

I wanted to ask him what he meant, but he was walking too fast for me to catch up, and just then one of the attendants beckoned to me and said, "When he's in a mood like that it's

better not to pay attention to him." So I gave up and went home.

But I kept thinking about Tom, and the next morning I went back to the hospital to see if I could find out what he was so worried about.

To my surprise, he stopped walking and waited for me. "Did you see the doctor?" he asked.

"No," I said blankly. "Did you want me to?"

He suddenly looked terrified and like a little boy. "They're going to kill me," he said in a whisper.

"What do you mean, Tom?" I asked.

"They say I need an operation," he whispered, "but I know what they intend to do." He backed away and the wild look came back in his eyes. "And so do you," he said in a high, tense voice.

Just then a red airplane flew over the hospital, and with sudden interest Tom turned and watched it until it was out of sight. This gave me an idea. "Tom," I said, "after you get well from your operation, how would you like to go up in an airplane just like that one? I'll buy you a ticket to celebrate."

I knew I was taking a chance. I did have a friend with a red airplane who took passengers up, but I wasn't sure Tom's doctor would let him leave the grounds.

"Are you crazy?" Tom asked guardedly. But I could see that he was pleased.

Before I went home I hunted up the doctor and got his permission to take Tom off the grounds, if one of the attendants went along.

The doctor told me the operation was to be Friday, so early Friday morning I went out to the hospital. I found Tom strapped to a bed in the operating room. He was fighting furiously. I had his ticket in my hand, and I went up to the bed and held it out for him to see. He drew back as much as he could and stared at me crossly, but finally he looked at the ticket.

"It's for next Wednesday," he said.

"That's because the doctor told me you'd be up and around by then," I explained.

"I still think you're crazy," was all he said. But he seemed more relaxed, and by the time they were ready to give him the anesthetic he had quit fighting and looked quite bored.

I didn't go up with Tom in the airplane, but the attendant told me he seemed interested in everything about it, and kept asking questions. He was quiet in the car all the way back to the hospital, but when he was getting out he said, very fast, and without looking at me, "Mrs. Borah, you're my best friend." Then he hurried through the gate.

One of my favorite patients at the

hospital was an Irish boy named Patrick O'Shean. When I first met Patrick he had both arms and both legs stretched out in pulleys. I went in his ward one day to distribute some cigarettes I happened to have left over from the other wards. Patrick was at the end of a long row of patients who were all in bed, and I absent-mindedly held out a package of cigarettes for him. When he didn't take them, I suddenly realized he couldn't. Patrick was grinning as though it had been a good joke. "Ma'am," he said, "I'd sure like a cigarette, but would you mind lighting it for me, and holding it for me while I smoke?"

I'd been making weekly visits to the hospital, and after that I always stopped to see Patrick. One reason I enjoyed him was that he always seemed to know everything that was going on, not only in his own ward, but in all the others. Lots of times he sent me around to visit patients he thought needed cheering up.

One of the boys he told me about was dying with tuberculosis. But, according to Patrick, Smithy was more worried about his canary, Patricia, than he was about himself. It seemed that Patricia wouldn't sit on her perch any more.

I knew what was the matter with Patricia as soon as I looked at her. All she needed was to have her claws trimmed. Smithy agreed to let me do it, but when I started toward her with the long pair of surgical scissors one of the nurses hunted up for me, he could hardly stand it. "I think she'll be all right," he said. "I think she's just tired."

"I've done this dozens of times to my own birds," I assured him, "and never had an accident. You'll just have to trust me."

"I guess so," he said. "But if you don't mind, I don't think I'll look." He turned his head toward the opposite wall. I lifted Patricia gently out of her cage. When I got her back in, she hopped up on her perch and began to sing.

"Gee, thanks," Smithy said, gazing at Patricia fondly. "You know," he told me, "she has a cute trick. If you give her a cracker she'll dip it in her water dish."

At Christmas time I usually went shopping for some of the boys, and one day I asked Smithy if there wasn't something I could get for him. "Well yes," he said, "if you could think of a present I could give my mother, and one for my sister Bertha, I'd sure be glad."

I suggested an umbrella for each of them, and he seemed to think that was a good idea. I picked out a blue silk one with an ivory handle for his mother, and one like it in green for his sister.

"I think they're real pretty," he said  
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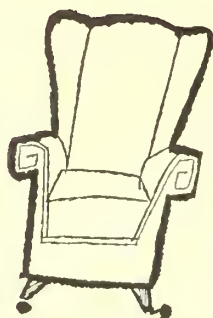
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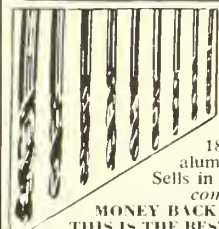
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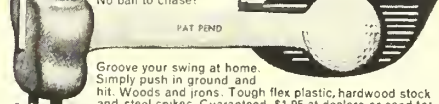
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when I brought them out for him to see. "But if mother doesn't like them you shouldn't be hurt. There's a lot of things that other people think are nice that she doesn't like, and Bertha always agrees with her." He helped me wrap the packages and I stopped on the way home to mail them.

In less than a week they both came back, along with a brief note from Smithy's mother which he probably wouldn't have shown me if one of the nurses hadn't insisted. The note said, "You might as well return these and get your money refunded. Couldn't you have picked out something more sensible? You know we always carry plain black umbrellas."

At first Smithy was quite crestfallen. "I ought to have remembered," he said,

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"but it's been a long time since I was home." Then he had an idea. "I bet there's one present I could give that would be appreciated," he said. "Mrs. Borah, I'm going to give you Patricia." "Smithy," I said, "Patricia is the nicest present I've ever had. But I want you to do me a favor. Will you keep her here and take care of her for me?"

"Sure," he agreed, "if you want me to." He seemed perfectly satisfied. But there was one thing he had to settle first. "You'll take her home with you when I die, won't you?" he asked.

"You aren't going to die," I said quickly.

"If you'd promise I'd feel a whole lot better," he insisted.

"Of course I promise," I said.

One morning in the spring the hospital called to say they didn't think Smithy could live through the day. I got in my car and started out right away, but by the time I arrived he was gone, and so was Patricia. She'd died during the night.

Leaving the hospital wasn't always easy for the boys. They looked forward to it, but sometimes when the day came they weren't sure they wanted to go. I went to the train one morning to see a boy off who was going home to his wife and two children. He'd been

in the hospital three years. He was all dressed up in a new suit, and he'd been to the barbershop and had a haircut and a shoeshine, but he kept looking in the mirror as if he thought something might be wrong. Finally he blurted out, "Do you think I'm good looking?"

"I think you're very good looking, Johnny," I said.

"You aren't kidding, are you?" he asked.

"Cross my heart," I said.

He grinned and explained that his wife had written him that she'd told the children they'd be proud of their father. "I thought maybe I'd changed since the last time my wife saw me," he said.

I'll never forget the day my friend Patrick left the hospital. He was hobbling on two stiff legs, but he wasn't a bit self-conscious about it. A large delegation went to the train with him. Five nurses and two doctors had taken time off to say goodbye to Patrick, all his friends at the hospital who could get permission to leave the grounds were there, and of course I was there.

Some of his friends had brought musical instruments along, and improvised a band. Of course we were quite conspicuous, and several people came up and asked what was going on. Just before Patrick got on the train he lined me up with all the nurses, and although the conductor had already called "All aboard," and several late passengers were trying to get around us, he calmly went down the line and kissed us all goodbye.

As the years went on and most of my old friends left the hospital I gradually stopped going. I didn't realize how much I missed it until one day when I had a letter from my friend Patrick which said, "Mrs. Borah, I know it's been a long time since you used to go out there, and since I used to be there, but I just found out that in lots of ways things at the hospital haven't changed very much.

"For instance," he went on, "there's a boy in Tom's old ward who's always walking—just like Tom used to. And there's another patient in the tubercular ward who has a canary—but he's going to get well. And then there's a fellow about like me—he even looks like me, and has the same last name. His first name is Michael. He's my son, and would you go and see him?"

Of course I put on my hat and coat and went out right away. Michael had a grin just like Patrick's. "Dad wrote me you'd be out," he said, "and I sure thank you."

"Michael," I said, "I think your father understands me better than you do. As soon as I go home I'm going to write and thank him, and I'm sure he'll know what I mean."

THE END



## THE MEN AND THE ISSUES

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### DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

(Continued)

he resumed military life in Europe in June 1948, at the President's request.

There he remained until 1952 when, after a period of indecision, he yielded to pleas of Republican leaders and announced his candidacy for the Presidency. He was elected by a landslide vote, the largest numerically ever given a candidate.

In some of its phases, political life in the White House astonished him. For one thing, Congress, never having had a Supreme Commander, refused on occasion to do his bidding. He took these refusals ruefully at first, then, getting into stride, philosophically. In his public appearances he is always in good humor, suave and smiling. However, he could and did cuss heartily in private sometimes when things went to his dislike.

The President has strong likes and dislikes but seldom reveals them vigorously in public. One, for Washington newsmen, changed to camaraderie after a stay in the White House accustomed him to their pointed questioning. His habit has been to surround himself with topflight executives—a few due to political considerations—to whom he leaves the details of carrying out policies. On matters of policy, however, he reserves the decision for himself and when he makes it, it sticks.

He is a fair golfer, would rather live on his Gettysburg farm than anywhere else except in the White House, and calls on his brother Milton for views on knotty public questions. Mamie, his wife, influences his personal decisions strongly, but not those relating to public affairs.

### REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

(Continued)

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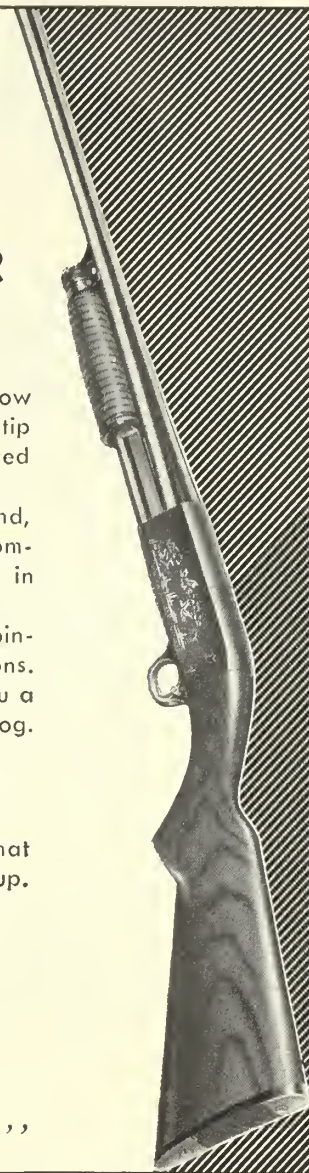
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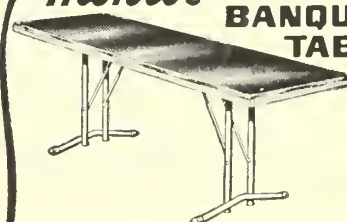


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The party is pledged to "continue this imaginative, world-embracing program."

**CIVIL RIGHTS**—"The Republican Party accepts the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court that racial discrimina-



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tion in publicly supported schools must be progressively eliminated."

It concurs in the Court's decision that school desegregation must be accomplished "with all deliberate speed" locally through Federal district courts.

It recognizes "the complex and acutely emotional problems created in certain sections of the country. . . . True progress can be attained through intelligent study, understanding, education and good will."

All branches of the Federal Government must support the work of the courts "in every legal manner."

**TAXES AND FINANCE**—The platform pledges "further" reductions in spending without weakening the defense program or lowering the quality of essential Government services.

Continuing balancing of the budget is promised; also "gradual reduction in the national debt." Thereafter: ". . . insofar as consistent with a balanced budget" further reductions in taxes with "particular consideration for low- and middle-income families."

**AGRICULTURE**—Twenty-three separate pledges are written under this heading. Virtually all promise continu-

ance and expansion of present going programs of soil conservation, crop insurance, easing temporary market surpluses, credit, research and other undertakings. Specifically outstanding:

"To encourage agricultural producers to seek solutions to their own production and price problems.

"To provide price supports as in the Agricultural Act of 1954 that protect farmers, rather than price their products out of the market.

"To bring sympathetic and understanding relief to farm and ranch families hard hit by problems of drought, flood or other natural disaster.

"To expand rural electrification through REA loans for generation and transmission, and to expand rural communication facilities.

"The Republican Party is pledged to work for improved farm prices and farm income. We will seek that improvement boldly, in ways that protect the family farm. Our objective is a prosperous, expanding and free agriculture."

**LABOR**—"Revise and improve the Taft-Hartley Act so as to protect more effectively the rights of labor unions, management, the individual worker and the public." The right to organize and bargain collectively "is the firm and permanent policy" of the administration.

"In 1954, 1955 and again in 1956, President Eisenhower recommended constructive amendments to the Act. The Democrats in Congress have consistently blocked these needed changes. The Republican Party pledges itself to overhaul and improve the Taft-Hartley Act along the lines of these recommendations."

Equal pay without regard to sex, extension of coverage under minimum wages, improvement of the unemployment insurance system, and other pledges also are made.

**FREE ENTERPRISE**—There is no such heading in the Republican platform. Under other heading are counterparts to Democratic pledges so grouped.

In general, "We believe in good business for all business, small, medium and large. The sound economic policies of the Eisenhower administration have created an atmosphere of confidence in which good businesses flourish and can plan for growth to create new job opportunities." Under the caption Small Business are proposed closer scrutiny of mergers, anti-trust law changes to facilitate enforcement, extension of the Small Business Administration, and more defense contracts.

**NATURAL RESOURCES**—"We commend the Eisenhower administration for encouraging State and local governments, public agencies, and reg-



ulated private enterprise to participate actively in comprehensive water and power development.

"In such partnership we are leading the way with great federal improvements such as the Upper Colorado project."

"In marketing federally produced power we support preference to public bodies and cooperatives."

Pledged are conservation of wildlife, forests and mineral resources; also a look to the future when "it may be necessary to redistribute water from water-surplus areas to water-deficient areas." Also "we will continue to press for cooperative solution of all problems of water supply . . . and saline water conversion."

POSTAL RATES—Continued effort to raise rates is promised, "with the users of the mails paying a greater share of the costs instead of the taxpayers bearing the burden of huge postal deficits."

HUMAN WELFARE AND ADVANCEMENT—Continuance and expansion of current medical, health and social security programs are pledged; also participation in the construction of more schools, hospitals and recreational facilities.

THE END

## THE MEN AND THE ISSUES

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ADLAI E. STEVENSON

(Continued)

Stevenson aspired to the Governorship of Illinois. He was elected by an unprecedented majority of 572,000 votes.

During his term he advocated broad social welfare expansion and improvement by the State and put through essentials of his program. He revitalized the State civil service, eliminated segregation in Illinois public schools, doubled State aid to teachers, inaugurated a great highway program, kept State spending on a pay-as-you-go basis, and consolidated State agencies for economy and efficiency.

In 1952 he was "drafted" as Truman's strong choice by the Democratic National Convention to be the Democratic nominee for the Presidency. After his defeat by General Eisenhower he traveled around the world. On November 15, 1955, he announced his candidacy for the presidential nomination in 1956.

The primary campaigns preliminary to the nomination changed his style of campaigning. He no longer spoke "over the heads" of his audiences as his critics had charged. Quite the reverse, he abandoned lofty language to speak the words of the grassroots, to shake calloused hands, slap voters' backs, receive kisses from admiring female followers, and in general become an entirely different sort of guy.

## DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

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and return to the Democratic policy of peace through strength. . . . That is a Democratic task."

The party is pledged to work for international control of armaments and "enforced disarmament." Also:

"We stand for strong defense forces so clearly superior in modern weapons to those of any possible enemy that our armed strength will make an attack upon the free world unthinkable."

**ATOMIC ENERGY**—"Selfish interests," reads the platform, have received "steady service" from the Eisenhower administration in the worldwide competition for nuclear power; the United States is "lagging instead of leading." Acceleration and expansion of nuclear power facilities for civilian use are pledged; also a "comprehensive survey of radiation hazards from both tests and reactor operations."

The platform pledges the party to "substitute deeds for words" and thereby give "life and meaning" to the atoms-for-peace plan; promised also is a larger stockpile of fissionable material for peacetime and possibly wartime use.

**CIVIL RIGHTS**—Recent decisions by the Supreme Court relating to desegregation are referred to along with "their vast importance to our Nation as a whole and especially to communities directly affected." Rejected are "all proposals for the use of force to interfere with the orderly determination of these matters by the Courts."

And any attempt, the platform adds, "to make it appear that the Supreme Court is a part of the Republican Party" is condemned.

"We shall continue our efforts to eradicate discrimination based on race, religion or national origin."

The poll tax isn't mentioned. However, continued effort is pledged to end discrimination as to "(1) full rights to vote; (2) full rights to engage in gainful occupations; (3) full rights to enjoy security of the person; and (4) full rights to education in all publicly supported institutions."

**TAXES AND FINANCE**—"We favor an increase in the present personal tax exemption of \$600 to a minimum of \$800."

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**AGRICULTURE**—Many a pledge is written under this heading. Chief is a promise to:

"Undertake immediately by appropriate action to regain full 100 per cent of parity the farmers received under the Democratic Administration."



"We will achieve this by means of supports on basic commodities at 90 per cent of parity and by means of commodity loans, direct purchases, direct payments to producers, marketing agreements and orders, production adjustments or a combination of these, including legislation."

The platform calls for inauguration of a food-stamp plan to be administered by State or local agencies to distribute food to the needy. Promised, too, are expanded school lunch programs, a special milk-for-children program, and more foodstuffs to charitable agencies. Probably one of the most difficult promises to redeem is stated as follows:

"Devise and employ effective means to reduce the spread between producers' prices and consumers' costs."

**LABOR**—"We unequivocally advocate repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act. The Act must be repealed because State 'right-to-work' laws have their genesis in its discriminatory anti-labor provisions."

T-H, holds the platform, has other faults, too. One is a "vicious anti-union character." This, it is said, was recognized by Eisenhower in 1952 with a "solemn promise" to eliminate unjust provisions. About that, it is charged, nothing has been done except to make it "more intensely anti-labor by stacking the National Labor Relations Board with biased pro-management personnel who transferred the Act into a management weapon by administrative decision."

Another pledge: "We feel it imperative to raise the minimum wage to at least \$1.25 an hour."

**FREE ENTERPRISE**—"Truly competitive conditions in American industry" are to be restored, and action will be taken to curb corporate mergers. Five specific promises are made to small business:

Prevention of monopolies; tax relief

(by graduated taxes on corporate earnings); "reasonable rates" for long and short term credit; more Government contracts; and a "vigorous independent agency" to champion small business interests.

**NATURAL RESOURCES**—Production of electric power at public expense is not specifically promised. However, there is promised more electricity, steam and hydro, from TVA, and a "full and integrated program of development, protection, management and conservation of all our natural resources."

The platform cites with condemnation "the infamous Dixon-Yates contract; the Al Serena timber 'mining' scheme; and the low-level Hells Canyon Dam." This "pillaging of our natural resources," it adds, must be replaced by a "dynamic, far-reaching and progressive conservation program."

Fish and game habitats are to be guarded against commercial encroachment. A resumption of "rapid and orderly multiple-purpose river basin development throughout the Nation" is promised. Also to be resumed is the plan to obtain "a large new source of fresh-water supply from salt water" started by Democrats and lapsed by Eisenhower.

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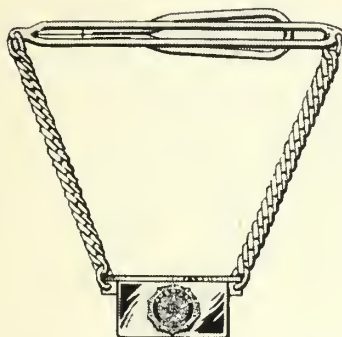
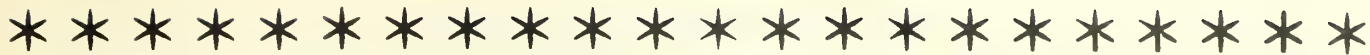
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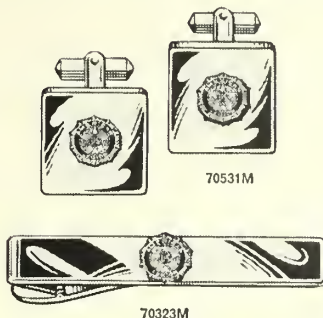
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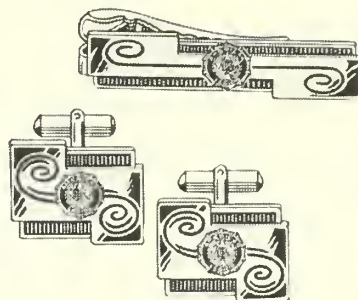




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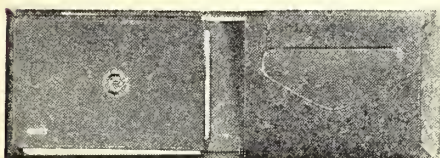


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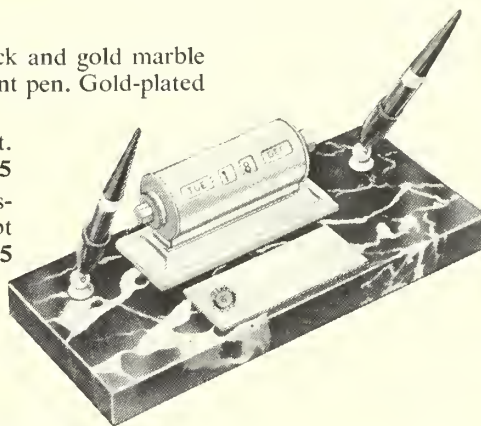


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## ARE AMERICANS BEING BRAINWASHED?

(Continued from page 19)

izing each positive finding by confronting it with a contrary view, so that a clear, unsullied picture can never be obtained. More than anything else nowadays, people around the world are in search of clear-cut, positive answers, for leadership. Every sort of obstacle is imposed to make that impossible. On one of the first radio programs to which I was invited when I returned to the U. S. with the story of brainwashing, I found myself sharing the microphone with a lawyer representing different ideas. When I said that moral convictions occupied a primary role in enabling men to hold out under brainwashing, he blurted out the exclamation over the air, "I don't believe convictions have anything to do with it," and accused me of being false to liberalism. Yet the overwhelming evidence shows that when a man was buttressed by moral convictions, he was able to resist the longest—very frequently long enough to defeat the enemy's purpose. This is a matter of national survival! How the basic importance of moral convictions can be challenged I could not imagine. What further evidence was needed of how far the softening-up of our own people had progressed? This "new liberalism" is no more liberal than Mao Tse-tung's "new democracy" is democracy.

Each person who had undergone brainwashing—missionary to army sergeant, engineer to school teacher, American, European or Asian—gave me the same details when describing the pressures put on him or her. From these I recognized the pattern for the destruction of a man's mind. Later, and it was a thrilling experience, I discerned a second pattern showing up behind the first—the pattern for the preservation of a man's mind. When these people told me the traits that were the greatest help to them in fighting off mind attack, they also gave me identical replies, each in his own words. The elements they explained were: faith and convictions, clarity of mind, a maturity of mind that closed it to what was obviously evil and a skin game, keeping one's mind busy, having a purpose, confidence, high jinks that cut the enemy down to size, and the deceit any sensible person resorts to when humoring a madman. (There is a streak of insanity in totalitarian ideology, whether personified by a Hitler or a Stalin, now recognized by psychiatrists as having possessed clinically insane traits.)

These were the elements that, when present, provided mental survival stamina. Their absence gave the reds the vulnerabilities they needed for softening-up purposes.

These weaknesses are glamorized in many circles in America as being oh, so correct and sophisticated.

I am no crusader, but I would be a bad reporter if I did not put faith way up on top when listing the elements that helped maintain mental stability against brainwashing. With appalling frequency, back home in the U. S., I met up with attitudes of cynicism and disbelief when I referred to faith and convictions in a lecture or at a social gathering. At one Long Island talk, a lady leaned to another across the aisle and exclaimed, "What does he mean, faith? Surely he can't mean religion?"

Initiative is an excellent antidote against brainwashing, but less and less opportunity is given to the individual to use his own initiative. The committee system has taken over. Each man is pressed to merge his talents into the group's, where controls can be exercised. The committee system, called the "small group" by the reds, is an ideal screen for conspiracy and irresponsibility.


A European friend of mine, who possesses a specialized talent, came to America last year and spent six months going from foundation to foundation seeking the opportunity to do the work

for which he had proven his rare qualifications. He felt as if he were walking once again into the looking glass from which he had only lately escaped. He was always received with smiles and informed that yes, of course, his project was of the greatest importance, and their organization had certainly been set up to help in just such situations. Would he please join some college faculty or other organization through which they would channel their aid? What about handling it himself, as he always had before? he asked. Wasn't this the land of personal initiative? Oh, no! In the name of private initiative, he had to do what he recognized as collectivist. I was shocked to learn that his experience was typical.

Individual responsibility seemed to be on the way out. The original purpose of having committees has been bent until they are a shadow world where responsibility cannot be pinpointed and where decisions become the least common denominator, instead of the boldest and the most outstanding. I was told that the committee method is the way even our military operate nowadays. Of course, this makes bold, pioneer thinking almost impossible. Committee rule usually develops into power being wielded secretly by some one individual or by a clique.

Educators appeared to be especially favoring this committee approach, and it wasn't what we had been brought up to regard as teamwork. A junior high school girl told me how her teacher divided the class into small groups, each marking its own test papers and recitations. "Does the teacher go over the marks afterwards?" I asked. Oh no, she said. They had been taught that wouldn't be democratic. She said yes, one girl, "not so popular," got lower marks than she otherwise deserved. How could these children be expected to know that what they were being trained to consider progressive was the little group system of such institutions as the North China People's Revolutionary University, operated by the Communist Party near Peking, as part of the red brainwashing mechanism?

The elimination of reasoning faculties is fundamental to brainwashing; memory is sufficient for red purposes, memory that does not evaluate or reason. The war for the mind crystallizes into this combat between those who depend on reason and those who would replace it by a Pavlovian-induced reaction, euphemistically termed "party discipline." Yet I find memory becoming the popular symbol for intelligence in America, a process hastened by the



### Chaplain's Corner

By National Chaplain  
Rev. BERNARD W. GERDON  
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Almighty God, we pray Thee, keep these United States in Thy holy protection. Cultivate in the hearts of all her citizens the spirit of devotion and obedience to government, of love toward their fellow-citizens, and of dedication to the principles of our American Heritage.

Watch over our beloved country, O God. Preserve her integrity, guard her from all her enemies that she may be guided ever onward by Thee in ways of peace—a happy, prosperous, and divinely blessed nation. Amen.



development of our mass communication media.

Millions of Americans spend incalculable hours sitting in front of television sets watching \$10 to \$64,000 questions in which memory alone, never judgment, determines the winners. A moron with a photographic memory is superior to a thinker. These memory rests would be fine as entertainment if they did not constitute the whole picture, but I failed to see a single program that glamorized judgment instead of memory. "Using one's brain" is contrary to "party line." Whether unwittingly or not, we were paralleling the red program.

As a consequence of this slanted attitude being developed on what intelligence means, subjects—such as mathematics—that reach mental discipline and reasoning powers are lagging behind in our educational system. That has already become an officially recognized national scandal, which endangers our safety.

Advertising agencies are the arbiters and creators of our radio and television programs. Their aim is entirely commercial, yet they determine the information given and attitudes glamorized. Writers and artists are put into a working frame of mind that can as readily expound some official's political line as the quality of a merchant's wares. The listener is already being habituated to an outside, vested interest ruling on judgment.

The spirit of brainwashing is hush-hush. What is allowed to get to the public is being so intensively organized and centralized that it works out more and more as censorship, in all spheres of life. The written statement and the communiqué have replaced the legman in a newspaper office. When I became a cub reporter, a newspaperman was ashamed to ask for a written statement. Now it is demanded as a matter of course, to save the trouble and expense of going to sources to find out the real facts.

In brainwashing, certain subjects are taboo, others compulsory. The process results in a mental Iron Curtain. Propaganda specialists call it a controlled environment. The Pavlovian term is conditioned environment. Whatever the name, it boils down to a make-believe atmosphere created by controls.

Social gatherings, when not entirely of deliberate small talk, have become one-sided as never before. The non-conformist or the guest without the "new liberal" point of view is isolated and penalized by loss of repute, essential to his social and professional standing. If he breaks the unwritten code of what is politically proper to say, he is rebuked for "talking politics," and is

said to be impolite to his hostess, and is not invited again. One can say all he wants on the so-called progressive side of the subject, or expostulate on the merits of anti-anti-communism, without being called to order. The taboos are significant. Criticism of Nehru is one of them.

Writers find particular difficulty in getting anti-communist books published, as contrasted with anti-anti-communist literature. When published, anti-communist books face further obstacles in being reviewed and put on the bookshelves. Conversely, anti-anti-communist books get the big displays in the newspapers and bookshops, and are ordered in sufficiently large amounts—even before the public sees them—to break into the best seller lists automatically and so artificially create a demand. The "best seller list" dictates the fate of authors, in the processed manner described.

The most pathetic question ever asked me—and it has happened often—is "Why wasn't I told?" by men who had come out from under brainwashing. If they had only been told, those who broke said to me, "It never would have happened." Those who didn't break told me of the many times they could have avoided great suffering, if they had only known. The facts are available. Hush-hush on the word brainwashing and on its meaning was maintained long enough for the reds to rape the minds of the American POW's in Korea.

The over-all lesson that has come out of brainwashing is that the greatest strength—our hope for survival as a free people—lies in character: moral convictions, faith, integrity. Resistance first was to the word brainwashing and to the disclosure of its meaning; now that these can no longer be hushed up, the resistance is to moral convictions as a source of strength.

Softening-up of ourselves, by ourselves for the greater part now, has progressed far, but the basic integrity in the American character remains in us. We do not have to fall for the softening-up that doubletalk and its ramifications bring about. We can insist on plain English and the simple virtues, at all times, under all circumstances.

That formula can win the ideological war. For, another lesson that came out of the red indoctrinator's chambers, from Pak's Palace to Prague, was that knowledge of brainwashing is vaccination against it. Yes, every man has a breaking point, but that breaking point, like a muscle, can be immensely strengthened. We can build up a stamina that can make the enemy effort profitless. Against such resistance, communism cannot survive.

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But the aerial on the rooftop  
Is definitely for the birds!*

—LESLIE H. LUTZ

### The Simple Truth

The doctor concluded his examination of his patient with the observation, "You should live to be 75."

"But I am 75!" declared the patient.

"You see," beamed the doctor, "What did I tell you!"

—HAROLD HELFER



"... but the worst part of his thinking he's a refrigerator is that he sleeps with his mouth open and the light keeps me awake."

### The Irony of It!

I moved the piano—my wife was convinced  
This other wall looked a bit bare.  
I moved the divan (I'm a tractable man)  
And moved every table and chair.

The bookcase, the loveseat, the lamp, and  
TV

I placed just the way that she said.  
Then, when she'd approved of each item  
I'd moved,

My wife went, exhausted, to bed!

—HAL CHADWICK

### All We Ask

*We don't mind if our government officials  
are rich or poor, just so they don't  
have a red scent.*

—JACK HERBERT

### Past Sixty-five

It was in a populous, if not popular, Eastern prison that the new young warden tried out his theory of rehabilitation. Today he had proof of his ideas working. He arose to bid farewell to the aged culprit who stood before him shining in his going-home suit.

"You know, Tom, you've been here five times now, and this last stretch has been ten years long," he said. "But, it's been months now since you've even spoke of crime. What are your plans?"

## Parting Shots

Tom squeaked in his new shoes. "Got it laid out to a 'T' warden," his face wrinkled into a smile. "My sis owns a little poultry farm upstate, and I'm as welcome there as rain. So, I guess it's me and the chickens from here on out."

"That's great, Tom," smiled the warden. "It does my heart good to see a once hardened criminal reforming..."

Tom snatched his hand away and blazed at the warden. "Reforming!" he roared. "Who said anything about reforming—I'm retiring!"

—CHARLES CARROLL

### Boiling Over

*Some of the hottest arguments between  
husband and wife are cooked up over an  
old flame.*

—CY N. PEACE

### Look Who's Spooking

*The medium's business was skidding,  
For though he had summoned a host  
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He hadn't a chance of a ghost.*

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"Oh, it's a nice clock," admitted his wife. "But what would we feed the bird?"

—F. G. KERNAN

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*We're back in our payment  
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*Our creditors trail us,*

*And threaten to jail us—*

*We're up to arrears in debt!*

—STANLEY DEHLER MAYER

### It May Spread!

A minor league in a remote area pays its baseball players so poorly that when one bobbles an easy chance the spectators shout "Margerine-fingers!"

—S. S. BIDDLE

### Yes, Sir!

*The quickest way to lose your shirt is  
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